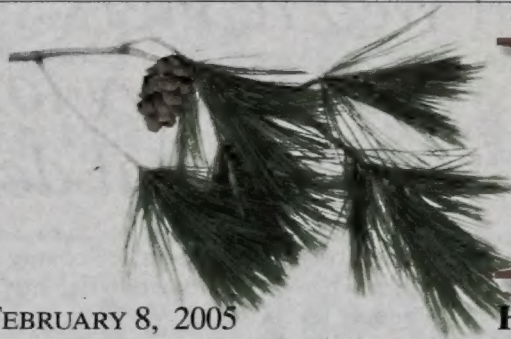




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32 students in bus when it flips on its side

None seriously injured in South Lake Rd. accident

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

Black ice is being blamed for a school bus accident Monday morning that could have been much worse.

The bus was westbound on the South Lake Road east of Beaver Dam Road when it hit a patch of black ice on a bend

in the road.

"All I could see was guardrails and then a whole bunch of snow," said Courtney Griffin, 13, one of the 32 students in the bus on their way to Monday morning classes. "We just missed a swamp and we just missed a rock cut."

When the bus went into the ditch, it landed on its side. "I hit my head," Griffin said, "and the next thing I knew a bunch of people were on top of me."

She was one of 13 students who were transported by ambulance to the Minden Hospital. Other than a few bumps and

bruises, she was unharmed. "Nobody broke any bones and none of the windows of the bus were even broken," she said. None of the students suffered any serious injuries. Bus driver John Thompson also escaped uninjured.

Students receive instructions about what to do in the event of an accident and they seem to have acted appropriately.

"The students on the bus should be commended for their conduct after the accident," said Constable Mark McMaster. "They were so calm. No

doubt they were scared and they acted very grown up."

McMaster said the snow probably cushioned the impact.

The accident occurred at about 8:05 a.m. All three emergency services, police fire and ambulance, arrived at the scene at about the same time.

Diane Peacock's daughter Caitlin, 6, was on the bus. When she heard of the accident, she went to the hospital to see how her daughter was.

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Lessons learned from school bus accident

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Emergency service providers are learning that mock training is key to crisis health care after a school bus accident brought 28 patients to the Minden Health Care Facility on Monday morning.

The facility was bustling with activity after the Archie Stouffer Elementary School students were admitted for "minor to serious" injuries after their school bus left the road and ended up on its side.

railing and ended up on its side, stopping in the north ditch. (Four of the students were taken home by their parents.)

The knowledge learned last summer by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Emergency Medical Services, OPP and the Minden Fire Department from their mock evacuation exercise was put to the test by the accident.

HHHS Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care Susan Reid said that within 10 minutes, aside from the usual staff of four (three nurses and one doctor) at the site, there were 15 additional nurses, three physicians, and two mental health crisis counsellors mobilized and waiting for the young patients in the emergency department. Thirteen students were brought in by ambulance and 15 arrived on another bus.

EMS Director Bob English initiated

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A tow truck prepares to pull the bus out of the ditch on South Lake Road hours after it flipped on its side after hitting black ice. Most students were taken by ambulance and another bus to Minden hospital where they were treated and released.

Minden credits early start for cleared downtown streets

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The early bird gets the snowbank cleared.

That's what Kevin Hill says the difference is between how snow is cleared in Minden

versus Haliburton.

The Minden roads manager says he has heard about the debate in Haliburton village over snow removal and says the only reason why Minden's down town tends to have snowbanks cleared faster is

because his crew starts at 5:30 a.m. He says they start downtown before going out to plow the rural roads.

He says they have a trained man on the sidewalk plow who is really good at getting the snow pushed around the

ornamental light poles and on to the street. He says it is blown and then windrolled on the street, piled and carted off. Hill says they are usually finished by the 7:30 a.m.

In Haliburton the crews

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Chris enjoys 15 minutes of fame

LEONA CARTER was watching *Sue Thomas FBEye* recently when a familiar face unexpectedly appeared on screen. She turned to her husband Glen and said, "That's Chris Ratz!" The former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student graduated from George Brown's theatre program last spring. Chris is now living in Toronto and says it is tough finding acting parts but he is enjoying the bits and pieces so far. He had a very brief speaking part in *Sue Thomas* and in a television movie called *Our Fathers* that has yet to air. He is currently travelling with Theatre Direct to various schools in a play called *Andrew's Tree*. Locals will remember Chris from his role as Puck in the HHSS production of *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. Chris says he



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news and events worth noting

isn't quite a starving artist yet thanks to two day jobs but says the television/movie market is still pretty thin in Toronto. He is hoping it will pick up again in the spring and summer.

The Citizens' Waste Management committee started by Ann Maher will appear before Dysart et al council on Monday, February 14 at 9:30 p.m.. Maher says they have been talking to Reeve Murray Fearrey about the committee and are excited about being able to present ideas to municipal politicians. She says the committee consists of six individuals with diverse and valuable backgrounds. Their goal is to try assist in reducing the amount of waste going in to landfill sites.

During an investigation of a break-in at the Jug City in Haliburton last week, OPP discovered that the Duke of Dysart had also been robbed. The bandits broke in either late Saturday night on January 29 or early Sunday morning. A quantity of alcohol and cigarettes was stolen from the two businesses. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

The Wilberforce Elementary School story telling and public speaking contests are at the school on February 14 and winners will compete at the Wilberforce Community Centre on February 24 at 11:40 a.m. The public is welcome to come out and hear what is on the minds of kids today.

The Lindsay Farm Woodlot Conference will be held on Feb. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Lindsay. There are six speakers talking about band saw milling, Buckthorn control, the emerald ash borer as well as the Asian longhorned beetle and beech bark disease, forest gene conservation, heating smart with wood stoves, and cavity trees as habitat. For more information call the Lindsay office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs at 705 324-6125 or the Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council at 705 324-1478.

Web readers say NO! to levy to pay off hospital debt

Here are some numbers for county politicians to crunch when they sit down to hammer out the county budget for 2005.

At www.haliburtonecho.ca, we asked our web readers if there should be a tax levy to pay off the Haliburton Health Services' capital construction debt of \$1-million.

The results are not to be considered an accurate description of the mood of the day, but of the 93 respondents, 21 people or 22.6 per cent said the answer was yes. Just pay off the debt and get it over with. A whopping 77.4 per cent or 72 people said that HHHS should stick to asking for donations from the public. No one was undecided.

Given Monday's school bus accident, this week's question will be "Should school buses be equipped with seatbelts?"

Have an opinion? Have your say at www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Earlier start time part of Dysart's union negotiations

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don't start until 7 a.m. Hill says that one and a half hours makes a huge difference.

Hill says his crew likes to start earlier because they believe the job is easier and safer without having to tangle with traffic. Hill also has a strict policy of towing cars if they are left on the street overnight. The plows cannot do a proper job if they have to go around parked cars.

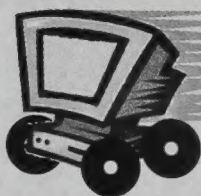
"I've only had to tow one this winter. Word get out that we're not kidding around," says Hill.

Dysart is in the process of renegotiating its road contract. Reeve Murray Fearrey says the union has changed its point man for the negotiations but they are hoping to address the start time issue.

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Cigarette vendors' vigilance tested

*Test reveals
some Lindsay
vendors still
breaking the
law*

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Despite the best efforts of the Health Unit minors are still buying cigarettes from licensed vendors.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit issued a press release in late January lauding approximately 440 cigarette vendors in the district for not selling cigarettes to patrons younger than 19. Based on attempts by an underage test shopper to purchase cigarettes from 250 different vendors in the district there was a 90 per cent compliance rate in 2004.

Kris Kadwell, HKPR tobacco control act inspector, says a week after the press release was issued they did an experiment. He says the vendors, particularly in rural areas, were getting wise to the test shoppers so the health unit sent out a 16-year-old girl in jeans with valid identification to 16 different stores in Lindsay and she brought cigarettes out of five of them.

Kadwell says sometimes reaching for the identification was enough to get her a sale and sometimes the clerks did not look at the date of birth. In one case the clerk failed to do the math to realize the shopper was a minor.

The health unit has distributed an information kit to vendors. It includes a training manual for staff and a little card to be posted by the cash register that says anyone born during or after 1986 is under aged. In the last case the card was posted but the clerk still made a mistake.

In 2004 only 23 stores in Haliburton and Northumberland Counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes pled guilty or were convicted of supplying tobacco to a minor. Kadwell says that put them under the provincial average but the test run in Lindsay suggests sales to minors occur at a higher rate.

Bob Park, Haliburton IGA manager, says his staff is trained not to sell to minors yet one of them made a mistake. His staff is now going to be trained to ask anyone who looks under 30 for identification. He says staff are also asked to keep an eye out for anyone buying more than two cartons of cigarettes because



DARREN LUM/Echo

With the acceptable forms of identification presented on a placard beside the wall of cigarettes Henwoods Variety employee Jan Newbatt can't express enough how challenging it is to ensure responsible selling practices. Henwood's was not one of the vendors fined.

they may be using them to sell to kids.

"Anything we can do to reduce the rate of kids smoking is great. Smoking's a terrible habit, it's an awful disease," says Park.

He admits to battling his own smoking addiction that peaked at two cartons or 400 cigarettes a week. Today that addiction would have cost him \$140 a week. He says it is really sad to see anyone waste money on cigarettes.

Park says the market is changing as prices continue to rise for cigarettes. The once competitive business is less so as more people stop selling cigarettes and look for other ways to draw people in to their stores. He says every time the price goes up so does his insur-

ance and the risk of break-ins. He keeps only a small number of cigarettes in the store.

Kadwell says convenience stores tend to make more money from cigarettes because they are paid to create the "power wall" of cigarettes right behind the cash where customers are forced to come face to face with them. He says the tobacco industry spends a lot of money on packaging to send enticing messages.

Kadwell says there is a debate in provincial politics about banning such displays but he doubts that will happen. He says the good news is that with the even if the compliance rate is lower than they had hoped it has greatly improved. There were 26 vendors in Haliburton County tested and only eight

sold to minors.

Kadwell is also pleased that the courts are taking a hard line with retailers and making it tough for them "to wriggle out of convictions."

The big challenge is getting kids not to light up in the first place. Kadwell says when you see a group of teenagers shivering in the cold smoking it sends the message this is not a normal thing to do.

The Centre for Addictions and Mental Health reported that out of a sample of 6,616 Ontario students in 2003, 19.2 per cent reported they were smoking.

The study suggests that youth smoking decreased in the 1980s, increased during the 1990s but is currently on a downward trend again.

Illegal hunting fines laid

Two Orillia men who illegally hunted with dogs on private property have been fined a total of \$4,500.

John Carrick, 30, and Kevin Laughlin, 39, pleaded guilty to using a dog while hunting deer, transporting illegally-taken wildlife, and trespassing. They were fined \$1,500 each. Carrick was fined another \$1,500 and banned from hunting for a year for illegally using a rifle and firing from a right of way.

Court heard that on November 13 last year a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer from Minden discovered that Carrick, helped by dogs, shot a white-tailed deer on private property in Digby Township.

The area was inside Wildlife Management Unit 75 where hunting is restricted to archery, shotguns, and muzzle-loading guns, and does not allow the use of dogs. The property was also fenced and posted with a "no trespassing" sign.

Carrick and Laughlin had gone on the property, dragged the deer to a roadway and then taken it to Carrick's home to butcher.

Gormley man hurt in crash Snowmobiles rear-end each other on Kash

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A man from Gormley was injured when he rear-ended another snowmobile while riding with a group of friends on Lake Kashagawigamog on Saturday afternoon.

Thirty-eight-year-old James Allen was riding his 2005 SkiDoo MXZ 600 on the lake

near Puffer's Island. A friend ahead of him, Chris Tambos, was slowing down when Allen hit the back of Tambos's snowmobile, also a 2005 SkiDoo MXZ 600.

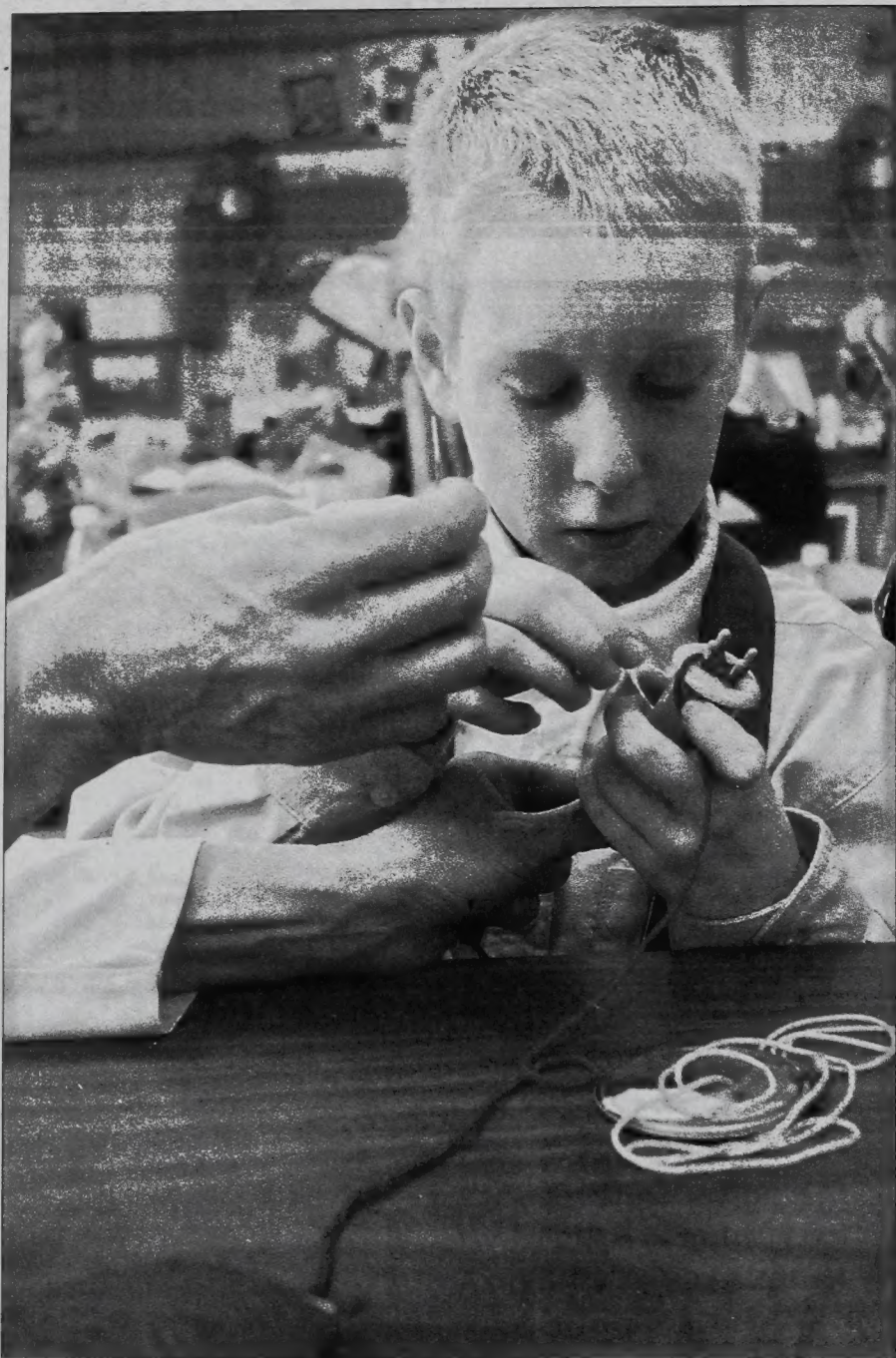
Allen was thrown off the snowmobile and his friends called for help.

The Minden Fire Department arrived to help transport Allen and Tambos to shore, they were

taken by paramedics to the Minden hospital.

Both men were transferred by land ambulance to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay for CT scans. One of the snowmobilers was then transferred to a Toronto hospital with neck injuries.

Police say that Allen's injuries were not life-threatening but further details were not available.



DARREN LUM/Echo

A young Stuart Baker Elementary School student gets a helping hand with his "corking" during the Pioneer Day at the school held a few weeks ago. It concluded the French immersion class' pioneer unit. Groups of students rotated every 25 minutes between stations such as candle making, toy making, lecture/story time and corking re-living the days of the Pioneer.

Expressing your pain is integral for relief

An American Chronic Pain Association member leads local support group

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Pain is a personal experience and there is no set way to deal with it. However, talking to others about various strategies can help, says Louise Van Den Hoogen.

Born in the Highlands, she has returned to West Guilford and is starting a new pain management support group that will first meet at the Haliburton Hospital from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on February 16. She is a member of the American Chronic Pain Association and has previously co-lead a group in the Port Credit area.

"There are no clear cut answers but the self-help group makes you feel like you're not alone. That you're not a failure," says Van Den Hoogen.

She says her own personal experience with chronic pain has taught her how frustrating it is when people get mad at you for being unable to do things you previously could when you are just as mad yourself about not being able to do things you enjoy.

"I told my sister just be happy with the things I can do."

She talked to Beth Archibald, Community Health Director for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and received approval of the manual and materials provided by the chronic pain association to establish a group.

She says the group is not meant to be a forum for doctor bashing or swapping medications but for having a chance to access resources and receive emotional support.

"When you're on a disability pension it's not a lot of money. You're perceived as not contributing to society and you feel like less of a person. You can't afford as many things. There are very few people with chronic pain who are not in depression because of circumstances or suffering from sleep deprivation caused by the pain," says Van Den Hoogen.

She says the new group will deal with such issues as relaxation methods, stress, therapy options and how to develop good productive relationships with medical professionals. She gave the example of how she once told a doctor the pain she was experiencing felt like stepping on a nail. He had never had that experience so could not relate.

She says half of the battle in pain management is learning how to verbalize it so a doctor can understand it.

"When you have pain and it doesn't get better, it feels like it's your fault. A group helps you realize it's not," says Van Den Hoogen.

Anyone interested in more information is welcome to attend the meeting in the boardroom on Feb. 16 or telephone Van Den Hoogen at 754-3562.

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Maple wine will be made in the Highlands

NEIL CAMPBELL

Special to the Echo

There will be no whiff of the grape around Haliburton's first winery.

A poorly-kept secret came out in the open Friday when the coming of the winery was used to make a point at the annual meeting of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association in Buckhorn.

Tom Dawson of Minden cited the new business, which will make maple wine, as an example of the potential for adding value to the output of a sugar bush.

Adding value is an important issue for smaller producers trying to chart their futures through a haze of new regulations, environmental threats and competition from an over-producing Quebec industry.

Dawson protected the identity of the new vintner, but several local producers have toured the site of the new facility. Dawson said he knew of only two other maple wineries in Ontario; both of them blend apple with maple.

Maple beers and maple liqueurs also have been produced in other parts of Ontario.

The new winery has cleared all the regulatory hurdles to begin operating as early as this summer, Dawson said, although the actual start-up date has not been determined.

Dawson was speaking during an afternoon round-table that focussed on the future of the maple industry. He and others argued that new ways will have to be found as Ontario's traditional retail market is flooded with Quebec syrup.

One producer said Quebec maple

syrup sold for \$11 a litre in Ottawa stores this spring; in 2003 the average wholesale price paid Ontario producers was more than that.

Past president Jim Moore of Janetville argued that the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (OMSPA) should look for a way or marketing maple syrup directly in Toronto.

A Minden syrup producer suggested that the province should be asked to mandate year-of-production and province-of-origin labelling for all retail sales to help consumers make their choices.

Typically, Haliburton food stores stock a local syrup and one or more brands from outside the county.

Bottling is the first step in adding value for the producer. In 2003, syrup sold for about \$8 a litre in bulk, \$12.85 wholesale and \$15.49 retail on average across the province.

Producers can improve on that bottled price by manufacturing other maple-based products, as Dawson into a tourist destination.

Producers, many of whom have had to upgrade their equipment in the face of new lead-content standards in recent years, are expecting to face other new food-safety rules, likely beginning with water regulations.

A more immediate problem for Schlicklin-Tyler and the rest of the new executive is getting organized for the

Summer Tour, OMSPA's annual convention, which will be based in Minden this summer.

If you'd like to find out more about helping out, call Dawson at 286-3202 or Schlicklin-Tyler at 457-2214.

Schlicklin-Tyler ended a three-year term as president at Friday's meeting and Roger Hutchinson of Minden left the treasurer's post as the association's executive got a new look.

Eric Thompson of Haliburton is the new president, Jody Peters of Oshawa is the new treasurer and Eleanor Reed of Kirkfield continues as secretary. Ed Barkey of Cannington, Peter Kennedy of Millbrook and Neil Campbell of Minden are the directors.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Mobile lifeline

Haliburton hospital's registered nurses (left and right in photo) Melanie Flood and Jaimie Hughes are excited to receive crash carts, dubbed "portable ambulances", from the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary President, (at left in middle) Chalene Smith. Middle right is the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care Susan Reid.

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Wilberforce's Winnie

WHEN YOU MOVE to a community as a complete stranger, it doesn't take long to latch onto those people who, for you, come to embody that community's very essence. Winnie Schofield was one of those people. She represented all that was good and strong and lovable about Wilberforce. And with her passing, it's not so much that Wilberforce has been diminished – it has, after all, survived the death of several generations of its

echo

editorial

martha perkins

Winnie was, as Newfoundlanders like to say, from away. Small in stature, with a delightful smile that seemed to light up her very being, she used that smile as a soft cover for a very strong interior. A nurse by training, she was "enlisted" to help care for Reg Schofield whose body and psyche had been damaged in the four years he was a Japanese prisoner of war in the early '40s. Her compassion turned to love and late in life they began a family together.

Reg's uncle, Alfred Schofield, was the man who founded the first Red Cross Outpost Hospital in Wilberforce because he was so distraught over the needless deaths of people who had no access to healthcare. Winnie seemed to be inspired by this new member of her family and the way he always thought of others before himself. As profiled in this week's Wilberforce News, Winnie immersed herself in the community's life, expertly juggling the needs of her family with the needs of her new, extended family. For years she was the *Echo's* Wilberforce correspondent, keeping the wider community up to date with all the village's happenings. And did she ever know what was happening. Either she helped to be responsible for those events or she attended them as a happy participant.

Through it all she asked for nothing but her family's love and her community's friendship. Of course she received it with abundance. You get what you give in life, and Winnie certainly gave a lot.

Winnie Schofield lived a good, long, happy life and, it's hoped, she slipped away from this earth content with all she had achieved. She lived with joy, loved with all her heart and made time for a little good-hearted mischievousness every now and again. That's a proud legacy.

... For today's newcomers to the Highlands, the *Echo's* correspondent pages may seem like an anachronism, a relic from the past that has no place in our modern lives. How quaint, they might say.

But the *Echo* would not be true to itself or its readers were it to abandon our faithful village correspondents. They are our eyes and ears, reporting on all the things that may never make the front page but which are newsworthy all the same. They write about the minutiae of village life, the comings and goings, births and deaths, celebrations and sorrows. They give names and identities to the people who work so hard to make our communities thrive and prosper behind the scenes, whether it's by raising a happy family, spending retirement years by volunteering for various local organizations, or acting in plays.

In larger newspapers the social columns tend to be about a limited social strata, either the young and hip or the middle-aged and wealthy. That's not society, that's simply a segment of it. The *Echo's* community columns are about everybody, regardless of their social standing or economic wellbeing. They're about the real Haliburton County and we're grateful to those who share such news with us.

icons, including her husband Reg – but it has changed. Something is missing; someone is missed. Winnie's spirit will remain, however, as part of the fabric of daily life.

Winnie was, as New-



Drag River at Haliburton

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Savouring the slow life

An announcer on CBC radio recently asked listeners to talk about their favourite winter breakfast food.

Of the many replies one, to me, was memorable- Captain Crunch cereal. What a mundane choice; however The Rev. Christopher White, Minister of Westminster United Church in Whitby, had a special reason for his choice. At Christmas, when he was a boy, he received a box of Captain Crunch which he had last him for the entire year. Packed into the flavour of each bite was the knowledge that it was a rare delicacy.

When we first moved to California we discovered that we could have shrimp, inexpensively, whenever we wanted it, and we loved shrimp. It was not too many years before shrimp fell off our favoured list of delicacies. Years later, after a daughter who had yearned to hop on airplanes whenever she wished, found herself, of necessity, flying too frequently all over the world. After a time she was so tired of flying that she guessed she had just had "too much shrimp." What had once been exciting had, through frequency, lost its joy. "Too much shrimp" has become a mantra in our family.

Our society has lost more than it has gained by our constant push to have it all, all the time. If big is good, then bigger is better; if fast is fun then faster is great. If rare delicacies from other countries are exquisite then why have them only rarely. From sushi to extreme sports to Wal Mart, more is better is the maxim. Until ---- and there will always be an until.

There is much we could learn from Paris and other cities in Europe. Living in Paris, one does not have many of the choices we consider essential. Supermarkets, shopping centres and parking facilities are rarely found. The citizens make do and we foreigners flock to see their 'quaint' ways. With no supermar-

kets handy and no parking spaces available, the people cope as they always have. Streets lined with little shops are located within walking distance of their dwellings. Parisians shop for food most every day. Carrying home a day's supply is no more effort than lugging our many purchases across vast expanses of shopping centre parking areas in our metropolitan areas.

I knew this was so up to a decade ago and mentioned to a grandson, when he went to visit friends there last summer, that daily life would take on a different kind of ritual. The

first (and probably only) post card he sent, reported that to his astonishment, Parisians still buy their bread fresh every day. They still can be seen cycling along with a loaf of bread tucked under an arm. "Life is so much slower," he added.

There was a time a decade or so ago when we, thought that because Europeans would not get 'with it' and move into the progressive, fast-paced world of North America, they would lose

out and be non-competitive. So much for that prediction. Yet in our rush to have all the "shrimp" we want, we have created so many questionable methods of feeding our wants, not our needs. We have 'just-in-time' where foods are brought from all over the world, not always at their prime or ripest, while the transports pollute our air and overload our highways. We have built massive shopping centres that use up arable land and those are only a few of the choices we have made to feed our insatiable appetites. Are we really further ahead than those Parisians who have to walk or cycle to shop each day, getting food fresh from the baker and from the farmers and other local tradespeople?

If only we could learn to limit ourselves figuratively to one box of Captain Crunch a year.



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Late night phone calls

Lately, I've come to dread phone calls that come after normal hours and, about an hour ago, I received one. It was my mother telling me that Dad had just had a stroke. Things, she said, don't look good. But, as always, mom is quietly brave and cautiously optimistic. It's one of many reasons why we love her.

I've been milling around the house since that call, worried and afraid, as I guess we all are when loved ones are stricken by fierce illnesses such as these. I'll leave in the morning to see him and I'll say a thousand prayers for him until that time. It's funny how silent and humble words to God come naturally at times like this and, it seems to me there is strange and powerful

comfort in them that's kind of hard to describe. But it's there none the less.

Just as there is a comfort in thinking and writing about my father now. So please bear with me.

My father bought me my first fishing rod and bb gun; he was also the man who taught me to box and wrestle, to hit a baseball and catch a football, to swim underwater for the length of the pool, and to shoot a bow. He educated me the value of honesty, convinced me that most everyone

tales from



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has something worthwhile to say, taught me that people sometimes act like they do for a reason, and demonstrated the many virtues of charity. Because of him, I stand up for what I believe in, laugh at a good joke when I hear it, and hold doors open for those following me. For my father has always been a gentleman.

What good there is in me, my father helped mould.

He showed me, by his own example, that a man sometimes sacrifices for those he loves. He helped me understand that often in life things don't go your way. And he also instilled in me a stubborn tenacity to never accept this. He grounded me with the sure and certain knowledge that I am no better or worse than anyone else; that we are all imperfect beings, each continually making mistakes and striving for better. Despite the greatness of his common touch, my father is a humble man.

Over the years, he has shown me the simple dignity in forgiveness, and taught me that only fools hold grudges or hoard pennies — life being far too short for either. My father could never accept cruelty or meanness, nor could he abide a bully or a coward, and neither can I, for I am his son.

His soft spot for the underdogs and the working man has found a place in my heart too, for, at times, my father lived as both. Because of him I know the poetry in being on a lake at dawn with fishing pole in hand. He also showed me that a person should have some sort of artistic endeavour to call his own, whether it's carving a decoy or painting by numbers — some creative outlet for you and you alone. Along with this, he instilled in me an appreciation for those craftsmen and artists around us. He taught me that it's quite alright for a man to cultivate roses and appreciate wildflowers. Dad taught me to live life for today.

Like others of his generation, he has lived through terrible and hard times, witnessed the basest, and most heroic, of human endeavours, often in the same day. And like many of his generation, he has watched the world change into something he doesn't fully understand. He has seen the old morality collapse and a newer, more confusing one, emerge. And he has faded gracefully into the background, innately understanding that things will work out, just as they always have.

In many ways, he is a better man than I'll ever be. And now, he lies in a hospital bed, disoriented and, I imagine afraid too. I know he'll be thinking of my mother and his children just as he always has. If he has one fault, it is the ridiculous pride he's taken in all of us. For me, it's about my writing — he's kept every clipping and has bored every friend and relative he has with updates on where I've been published and how I'm doing.

It's uncalled for and sometimes embarrassing. But as he lies there in that hospital bed, I'm pretty sure I can forgive him for that. It's 3 am, and love's like that. He taught me that too.



pic of the past

In a recent *Echo* we shared the history of the Haliburton Curling Club. Two of its long-standing members are Phyllis Woodcock and Berniece (Bunny) Scott, both in this picture from a bonspiel in the 1970s. From the left are Jean Colliver, Phyllis Woodcock, Marg Wilford and Berniece Scott. Our thanks to Mrs. Woodcock for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

What's the price of clear roads

To The Editor:

When my family moved here in 1954, the school bus pick-up was a mile away, and my neighbour, Tom Bolton, would plow the snow with his team of horses, using a homemade wooden plank plow. The result was not perfect, but since the township plow almost never ventured down our road, we were very happy to have our walk made easier.

Point is, time and place have to be considered, and expectations. Those of us who look back and compare, say things are much better now. But people who still have to get to work at the crack of dawn may feel there is lots of room for

improvement.

Do we want or need roads to be clear and dry the day after a storm? Dump tons of salt or other chemicals on the roads; then pay the price in pollution and higher costs, like Toronto, eh? For me, my vote goes to the plow boys. They earn their pay, and very often go 'the second mile'.

It is often said that this is 'God's country', and we do indeed live in a special, beautiful place. But let's not ruin Utopia with complaining and unreal expectations.

Ken Holm,
Tom Bolton Road
Haliburton

Traffic counter is in the wrong place

To the Editor:

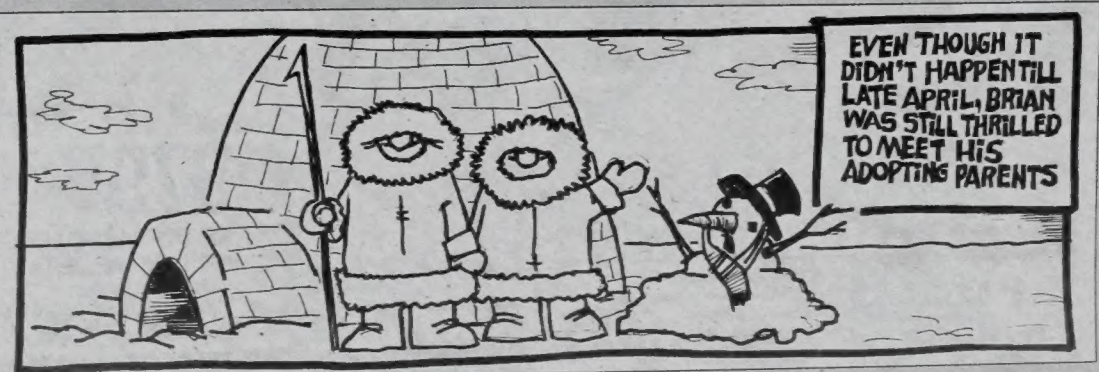
We were a little bewildered to see a traffic counter out on the Harburn Road at the entrance from Hwy. 118. Could anyone out there explain to me why that location was chosen? About 99 per cent of the time, when we go to the village, it's via Pine St.. It's a much more convenient route for getting to the post office, plus it dispenses with the waiting at the stop light in town. I know for a fact that we are not alone on our chosen route, as we've seen many other residents following us, or us them. With the chosen location

of the counter, all these vehicles are not counted.

At this time, we would like to commend the road crews for the efforts they have put forth in the last two weeks. However, as a county road, it's still probably the roughest in the county. When the ice and snow are allowed to build up to that extent, there isn't a whole lot more that can be done about it, other than pray for an early Spring!

Thanks again guys!
Ed and Lenore Wright
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Harburn Road is travel worthy, says 55-year veteran

To the Editor:

I wholeheartedly agree with Art Ouellette about the roads in Haliburton County. I think our road crews do an excellent job.

For those people who complain that their roads are not plowed until late in the day, I would guess that they live in areas that are zoned summer residential. As you may or may not know, this zoning means that the township is not required to maintain the roads during the winter months, nor will school bus service be provided. You should be aware of this when you purchase your property. So why are you complaining now?

As for the Harburn Road, I have been driving it for 55 years - 43 as a cottager and 12 as a full-time resident and never felt I had a problem or could not get out. To my mind it has always been well

maintained. That is not exactly true. Back in the '50s, during the spring break up, there used to be a problem with mud on "break wagon hill", and the road was moved back and forth on the hill to get a solid base.

People should realize that our county and township roads are surfaced with a gravel and oil combination and not asphalt. They cannot be plowed down to the surface and are not ploughed until there is frost in the ground as this surface is too soft.

Maybe we need a driving school up here to teach people to drive in Canadian winter conditions.

I feel that kudos should go out to Miles Maughan and his crew for a job well done!

Bill Beatty
Drag Lake

Frost Centre had lots of trilliums

To the Editor:

What would you like to see the Ontario government work on changing? Healthcare? Education? The economy? Well, it seems the Queen's Park spinners thought it was much more important to present the Premier as a "force for change" by dropping the trillium symbol that has identified the province since the '70s.

In spite of documentation, and the Premier's statement that "most people in

Ontario have never seen a trillium" he is now saying he never intended to change it at all!

Maybe if Dalton McLiar's mommy had let him visit the Frost Centre as a boy, he might have learned about the trillium. I wonder if they even have a picture of it on that web site that is going to teach children about nature in place of the Frost Centre?

Harvey Clarke
Donald



Terry Anderson took this fun shot of a red squirrel last week at his home on Miskwabi Lake. Anderson and his wife have a 2x2 wooden frame fastened to their deck railing to which they attach their bird feeders, and this little fellow was helping himself. "Red squirrels are pretty fiesty," Anderson says. "This one seems to be asking, 'Hey, bud, what's your problem? Are you lookin' at me?'" It's a good thing red squirrels aren't the size of raccoons - if they were Haliburton County would be uninhabitable!"



SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO

A donation for children

TimberMart owner Greg Scheffee presents a \$1,000 cheque to Jamie Cowen, Easter Seals' coordinator of the annual Snowarama event. Easter Seals is dedicated to assisting disabled children.

Hunter fined for making false statements

Two men have been fined a total of \$4,200 for making false statements and other hunting and fishing violations.

Michael Simms, 55, of Guilford Township, was fined \$2,000 for using another person's game seal and \$1,000 for making a false statement. He was also banned from hunting for a year.

Court heard that, acting on a tip, a Minden Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer questioned Simms last October about a deer kill. Simms said another hunter had been present to seal the deer. Later in December, Simms

admitted he had been alone and had used another hunter's seal.

In a separate case, court heard that a conservation officer checked an angler on Boshkung Lake last September 6. Pawel Dominiak, 47, of Mississauga, said his fishing licence was at his cottage. When the licence was later produced, it was found to have been bought the day after the check and backdated to appear valid.

He was fined \$500 for fishing without a licence and \$700 for making a false statement.

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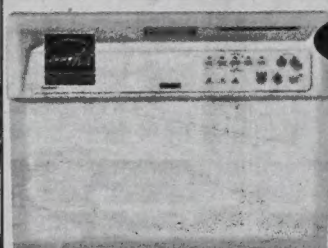
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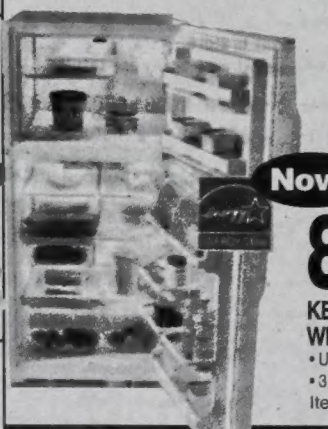
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Response proves practise pays off

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communication while travelling to the scene and provided ongoing updates to the facility staff. He attributes the quick crisis response directly to the scenario training in the summer.

"As a result of those mock evacuations everyone is able to fine tune their procedures. This right here is a real life test of the practising and the practical sections we've been holding," English said.

ASES Principal Rick Thorne, who was notified by the OPP and Laidlaw Education Service Ltd. School Bus Transportation, couldn't agree more.

"You never want to put it practice, but obviously based on what I observed here today the practice is extremely important and worth the time. Given all the numbers [of patients] it was as smooth as it could have been," Thorne said.

Thorne commends the hospital and its staff, paramedics, OPP and fire department for their conduct and efficiency.

"It was pretty impressive how they handled the whole situation and kept the kids as calm," Thorne said. He adds, it went "smooth considering all the chaos. I was really, really pleased."

Thorne came to the hospital to provide a sense of calm to parents and students. "I just felt I should be here for the kids," Thorne said.

Even while at the facility Thorne was maintaining communication with students' parents. His concern and presence didn't go unnoticed by parents picking up their children.

"You always wonder about that: if there ever is a bus accident. How long before you know," said Arlene Switzer, the mother of Chantalle and Johnathan. "The school's done really well getting things organized. I've got to hand it to them. When you get to see people from the school, and knowing the kids are okay, it makes me feel great."

All the patients who were admitted were released later that morning, said Reid.

"That was the main concern that the kids were okay. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. It was a good ending to a bad start of the day," Thorne said.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Family friend Wally Brown embraces ASES Grade 4 student Johnathan Switzer and his Grade 2 sister Chantalle at the Minden Health Care Facility as their mother signs them both out after Monday's bus accident on South Lake Road. Families and school officials are praising the response of local emergency services and hospital staff.

Bus company had earlier reported black ice

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"They couldn't have been treated better," Diane Peacock said. "Everything was very well organized. They brought in extra nurses."

Peacock said she was very impressed with the way the situation was handled.

Laidlaw bus Lines Branch Manager Dave Freeman from the Haliburton office was at the scene of the accident. He was aware of the black ice conditions in the area much earlier in the morning.

"I called the county and talked to the answering ser-

vice at ten to seven and told them there was black ice," he said. "It was raining and freezing in some areas."

OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli concurred that the three emergency services worked well together. "Everything went very smoothly," he said.

He credits the emergency planning process for helping to make the situation go well. "People wonder why we go the trouble and expense of doing mock disaster exercises," he said. "Things like today are why we do it. It makes a difference."

He also commended the students. "They were very calm, very well behaved and co-operated," he said.

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I didn't know that
the touch of a hand
could be so tender.
The sound of a voice so
sweet,
the laughter so
exhilarating,
the world so rosy.
I didn't imagine
that I would ever
celebrate
Valentine's Day
... with you.

Dear Johnny D:

You are my sweetest
lifetime Valentine.
Thanks for every "happy"
to show how much you
are.
Let's keep the magic.
Love you lots xo's
Lady Di

Happy Valentine's Day Babe

Cruising south together
Will be wonderful ...
Love you lots xo's
Mom

Fiona, love is
that sun against
whose melting
beams the winter
cannot stand.
M.A.H.

Al
Roses are red
Violets are blue
At Lent I was thinking of

you
Happy Valentines
Love A.H.

Jim
Roses are red
Violets are blue
I don't know
What I'd do
If I didn't
Have you
Luv Patti

Chip from the day we
met,
You and I were us Today,
Tomorrow, Forever.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love your valentine
Billie-Joe

To the world's greatest
daddy
We love you
Will you be our Valentine?
Love Kristina and Jesse

To Colin at Wanakita:
Valentine's Day isn't just
about romance
Its about the hugs you've
shared,
The smiles you've
inspired and the times
you've let your heart lead
the way
it's about the little things
you take the time to do
to let others know you
care and how many days
you've made more
special just by being the
wonderful person you
are.
Happy Valentine's Day
From a Friend

Miss Miller
Will you be my
Valentine?
Hug's n Stuff
Mr. B.

Roses are red,
Even though you love
blue.
I just couldn't ask,
For a better friend than
you.
Happy Valentines Day Flo

I'm out here a fishin'
And ain't got a bite.
If I got home late,
I hope we don't fight
I'll bring you home some-
thing.
I hope its a fish
If that's not to be,
Can I give you a kish!
Love ya Arthur - Happy
Valentines

To Chippy
Happy Valentine's Day
From Fluffy

To Joe
Happy Valentine's Day
From Big Foot

Happy Valentine's Day
To Roger the Dodger
Love Alice

Aunt Frances and Uncle
Howard
Happy Valentine's Day
Love Kelly

Uncle Ron and Uncle Jim
Happy Valentine's Day
Love Kelly

To Cart McBride
Happy Valentine's Day
for 46 years.
Love from Wifey Elaine
XOXO

To Mosey
Roses are red
Violets are blue
I want to spend,
Another 35 years with
you.
Love the Gooch

Dear daddy-bear
You're always telling us
and showing us how
much you love us now we
want everyone to know
how much We Love You
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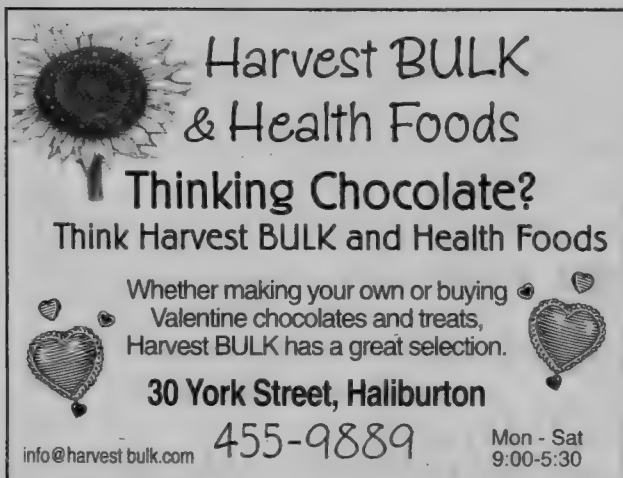
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married on June 1st, 2002.
May he realize how lucky
we are to have found each
other and come to love
one another over the

years. I consider myself
lucky to have found my
diamond in the rough.
You have given me
warmth, care, laughter
and love and no more can
I ask for.
I love you with my every-
thing and I am happy to
call you my husband!
Happy Valentine's Day
Babe!!

Dear Steve,
I'm thrilled to be spend-
ing our first "Northern"
Valentine's Day with you
and the kids. Moving here
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for us and I look forward
to many more years of
sharing those dreams.
All my love, Darla

My loving husband -
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You are my love, you are
my life,
You are all my dreams
come true,

You have made all my
days worth living,
Since the day I first met
you.
My heart still always
skips a beat,
When you walk into the
room.
As I know I will always
love you,
As you make my world
still swoon.
I want to tell you darling,
I never want us to part,
As I love you now and
forever,
Everyday with all my
heart.
And I want to tell you this
Valentine's Day,
I am so happy you are in
my life,
And I am so glad to say,
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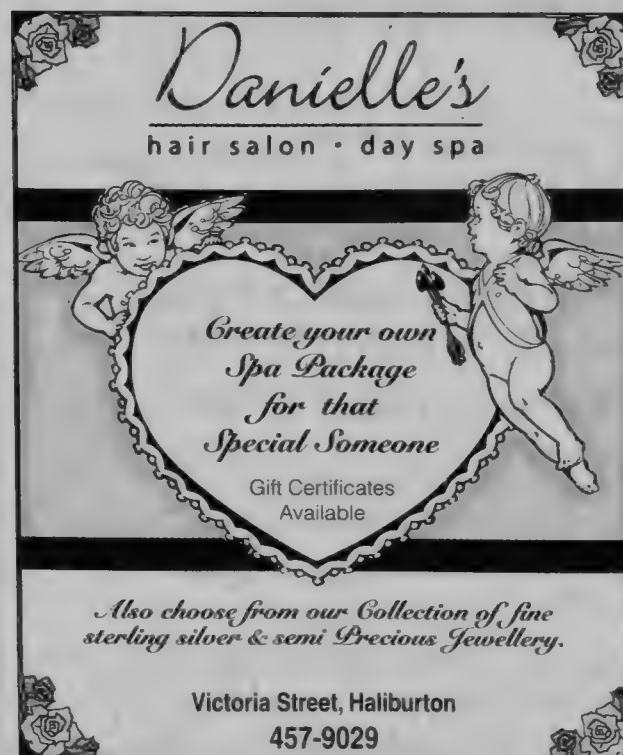
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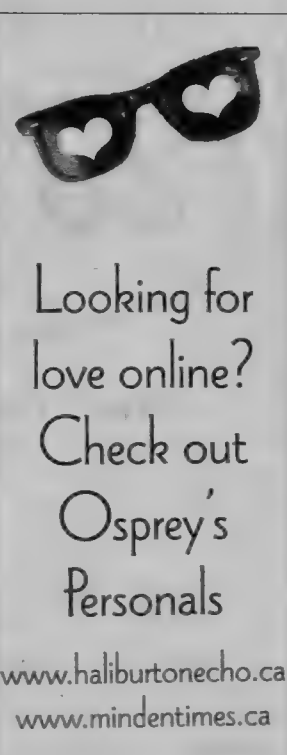


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and mean to me,
Happy Valentine's Day
Love you lots - Mae

To Mae:
You are my wife who simply
Means the world to me.
My love belongs to you.
Please be my Valentine
Forever and always
I Love You - Bruce

Steve
Plenty of love,

Tops of kisses,
Hope one day
to be your Mrs.
Love Lovie

To My Sexy Baby (J),
I love you with all my
heart.
I believe there is one true
love out there
for everyone and I know I
have found mine when I
look at and think of
valentine for the rest of
my life.

Love your girl (L)

Ben:
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
I love you more today
than the day we said
"I Do"
Happy Valentines.
Your sweetie. lp

Ray:
Roses are red
Violets are blue
I caught a big fish

Hope you do too.
Sparky

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A Happy Valentine's
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my love
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Roses are red
The snowstorms are
making you blue
I can't wait till we go to
bed
Because I Love You, too
From your Cat (Meeow)

To my Handsome Brit
You've brought beautiful
Music to my heart and
lovely
sunshine to my life.
I love you for everything
that you are;
Such a fantastic man who
reaches for the stars!!
Holding you is my
Heaven ...
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Sweetheart
From your little
"Pookie-Schmookie" XXOO

Dear Nancy:
After 37 years ...
I'm still trying to catch the
breath
You took away!
All my love, Larry

For A:
Sunny afternoons at the
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New Year' at the
Pinestone
Ali's place
O. Generals game
Days off w/o kids...

So many beautiful
memories,
Thanks you so much.
I love you more each day, B.

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With all my love
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When I was but a little
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And lived up on the back
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that day came around
Was "who would be my
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And tho' he's gone to heaven above
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Ev. Stata

My 'dear heart,'
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I'm so glad for the day in 1967, Aug. 26th that you said yes.
Love, Paul

To a set of wonderful parents, grandparents and the best in-laws anyone could ask for.
Hope you have a great Valentine's Day.
*We love you.
Tim, Monica, Ethan and Dylan*

Sweets for the sweet

You are our sunshine, our only sunshine.
You make us laugh when skies are grey.
You'll never know how much we love you.
So, Happy Valentine's Day (and Happy Birthday)
*With lots of hugs and kisses,
Monica, Ethan and Dylan.*
Lady
Happiness is being married to your best friend
More today than Yesterday
Less than tomorrow.
John

Cabbage Patch
Yesterday's the past
Tomorrow the future
But Today is a gift
That's why it's called The present.
Love you lots - Dad

Never has there Or ever will be
A love as sweet As You.
Love Drew

Beloved Bijoux
I was searching for an

answer
In a world full of strangers
Now that I've found you
I'm looking in the eyes of love.
You are so much more than I deserve
Someone who's so sweet and kind like you
Now that I've found you
I'm looking in the eyes of love.
I can see you and me walking in this world together
Lord my hearts found a home
I've been dreaming of
Now that I've found you
I'm looking in the eyes of love.
Thanks for taking that leap of faith
Happy Valentine's Day

Grandma and Grandpa Turney
Happy Valentine's Day
We love you
Bradley and Emily XOXO

To Stupidhead
Thank you for the best year of my life
Happy 1st Anniversary

Love, Meanie

Robin:
Thinking of you from so far away,
I miss you in every way
Won't you come down to see me,
More in love with you I will be.
I hope you will be mind on valentine's day!
Love Andrew

Dear Mom & Dad
We wish you a Happy valentine's Day!
*Lots of love,
Logan and Dustyn*

To My Cherished One
Life together with Only you, dear,
Vowed 38 years ago.
Ever changing, always abiding LOVE.
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To Seraphina, Connor and Caliburn
Grandchildren fill our hearts with pleasure,
Each one a joy for us to treasure.
Love Forever
Grandma and Papa
*Thanks so much again.
Karen Waller*

To my Mimi (Brenda)
You see the way both of our eyes light up every time we see each other and this will just get better as time flies by!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love you lots and thank you for being the best grandma ever!
Love Livvy xoxo
Dear T.E.E.,
You're my boyfriend, My best friend,
The one I can always count on.
You make me happy, When I feel sad.
You make me laugh,

When I feel like crying.
You've showed me, All the good things in life, And how to love with all I have.
Thanks for everything hun.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love always - Boo Boo
P.S. "I hope you had the time of your life".

To my Gramma
Happy Valentine's Day
I ♥ you and thanks for everything.
Love Jenna

Carol,
To my one and only Valentine
I love you even more than when we first met
And will love you forever.
*Happy Valentine's Day.
Love Les*

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I will love you
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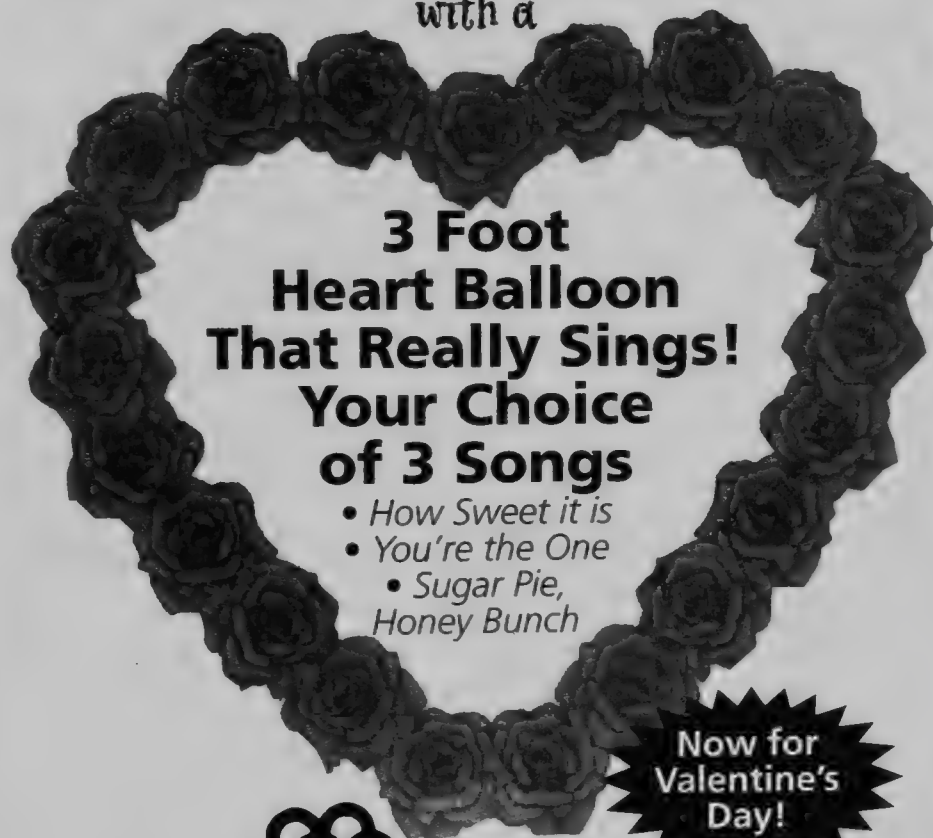
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John Dron displays the catch of the day: An 18-inch white fish that Dron had to scoop out of the water with his bare hands.

LESSONS IN ICE FISHING

feature and photos by Lance Crossley

“S ee me there? Ice fishing.”

Amid a multitude of photographs adorning a wall in Carnarvon's Live Bait and Tackle shop, John Dron singles out one of his favourites. He's holding a six-pound lake trout glaciated in a fine layer of ice, a successful catch from one of his many ice-fishing expeditions in the area. Further to the left, there's a picture of him from the summer proudly displaying several full-bodied brook trout.

“We're gonna catch some fish today, Leo,” says Dron, his voice bright as children in a schoolyard at recess. He's talking to an elderly Italian fellow behind the counter who speaks broken English. Leo is fetching some live bait out of a tank for our fishing adventure: some inch-long minnows designated for white fish and a few three-inch long reserved for the bigger lake trout.

Dron tells Leo to get us the “trained” minnows. It's an inside joke based on an encounter he had ten years ago with a man who fed his minnows by placing food in the mouth of a beheaded musky. “So when they're down below and see a big fish with his mouth open, they run into it,” grins Dron with tongue firmly placed in cheek.

Atop a balding grey belt of hair, he wears a dark fishing hat that makes him look like an safari explorer, which nicely enhances the irony that we are about to endure -24 temperatures. The mental contrast also makes sense of his green work pants as they somehow fittingly clash with the neon pink strips on his winter coat. A man comfortable with where his lot in life, Dron makes you feel like you're in capable hands, even for those of us virgin ice-fishers.



Jigging patiently, Dron says it doesn't matter whether he catches anything or not.

We're driving down the 118 to a hut on Maple Lake, provided by the same shop we stocked up on minnows in. He's ruminating about the differences between white fish and lake trout, saying he doesn't have the “touch” to reel in the white fish “because they got a soft mouth. If you pull it too hard, you pull the hook out and tear it.”

The conversation meanders from how lake trout is his fish of choice — (“Why? Because I'm lazy. You don't have to skin it. You don't have to fillet it. Just gut it and put it in a frying pan”) — to the latest gadgets in ice fishing. Dron prefers to ice fish in the open air, but because of the frigid temperatures, it's safer to be shel-

tered in a heated hut for today. He owns a manual auger but confesses he's learned some shortcuts to drilling along the way.

“I love it when I see a guy with a gas auger on a lake where I'm about to fish. Because they have to justify the six or seven hundred dollars they spent on it. You can come up and play dumb and say ‘how does that work’.. Well, nine out of ten times they can't wait to show you. So they'll drill your holes.”

We're now tracing the edge of the lake. A handful of huts come into view in the distance, perched like the tiny dots of a city in a satellite photo. Though only 100 meters from the shoreline, they seem like a self-contained village, an

island retreat where men go to be alone.

“See that hut next to the brown one?” says Dron. “That's the one we're going to be fishing.”

Dron is walking ahead of me carrying his auger and his fishing rod. There's a cold blue sky this morning, and circling high above the hut is a single bird, too far away to be distinguished, but present enough to intensify the general air of desolation.

Outside a neighbouring hut Dron runs into a man named Dave taking a smoke break. He tells him that he hasn't had much luck today — “not one bite”. Nevertheless, Dave appears to be content and even relates a story about how one time he caught an 18-pound lake trout right around here but had no one to show it to.

“It's still in the lake,” he says.

Dave never brings a camera because he feels it brings him bad luck. “I've brought the camera out a few times this year and never caught a thing. So I just leave it at home.”

Back in our own hut, Dron is breaking up the delicate film of ice that had already formed on the drilled hole, which only take a few minutes to freeze over when the hut door is open. When the door is closed, a small propane stove keeps the holes clear and makes it bearable to take one's gloves off.

The hut, not big enough for a six-footer to stand up in, is insulated by white polystyrene, investing the shelter with a certain lonely quality. There's two tiny windows that face the shoreline, both distorted from the inside accumulation of moisture, so much so that when one gazes through the glass the eyes are infiltrated with a blinding cloud of white light.

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It's not all about the FISHING

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With his dried, chapped hands, Dron baits a triad of hooks with the smaller minnows. The fishing line he gives me is spooled around a stick that is then balanced like a seesaw onto a base structure. (Anglers know the contraption as a tip-up.) Dron raises his hand, slightly extending his index finger, in a manner that indicates he is about to reveal something important.

"Now, if the tip of your stick rises, that means you have a white fish at the end of your line. If it goes down, you've got a lake trout."

The anchor of baited hooks is dropped and disappears into the cold depths, seemingly receding from existence itself. It is almost an act of faith to believe it participates at all in the activity beneath, in those unseen whereabouts where the hopes of men like Dron are lodged.

Ice fishing is one of those activities that has very little surface appeal to it. It requires a tolerance for solitude and cold. You also need an abundance of patience, particularly when your extremities are drained of blood and hours go by without so much as a nibble. John Ball, a friend of Dron's whose hut we later visited, told me, "You gotta be half crazy or totally crazy."

I notice my fishing stick gently rise. Grabbing the line, I swiftly jerk it to set the hook and start to reel it in hand-over-hand. An excited Dron encourages me, telling me to go "slow and steady". The air of mundanity that existed but a few moments ago is now fresh with anticipation. The fish emerges like an apparition, swishing at the surface of the hole like a

newborn rebelling against its approaching fate. Dron tells me to fling it out of the hut onto the outside snow.

The attempt fails—true to Dron's warning about the tender mouth of white fish—and the hook tears loose. The freed fish remains stunned near the surface, causing Dron to get on his hands and knees, like a bear, and paw out the fish himself with one hand. There, slithering on the sun-drenched snow bank adjacent the hut, is a spectacular 18-inch long white fish.

Hours since the catch, nothing much has transpired. John is now jigging with a spoon, keeping time as he relates his various fishing adventures. He talks about his daughter, the joy of his life who he didn't have until he was 50 years old. On those occasions when she accompanies him ice fishing, it's important to him that she let him know the instant she gets cold—he doesn't want to ruin her experience. He also talks about his wife, who he says is the best thing that ever happened to him.

After a while, one begins to get the sense that ice-fishing is not at all about the fishing. It's charm lies not so much in the quivering of a fishing line, but rather, it's in the periods of inactivity. It's all about the waiting. Those long intervals of mediation amid the frigid air produce clarity. Not the kind that teases, coming in fleeting moments of enlightenment and quickly submerging beneath the water. But the sort of clarity that can permeate one's life outside of the hut, transcending the moment from which it came.



Calling it a day Dron heads home after another peaceful day on the lake.

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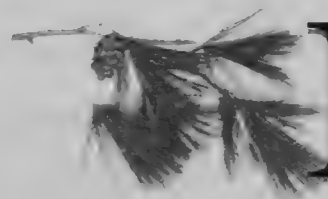
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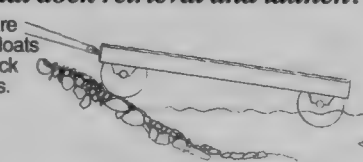
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program's success depends largely on its young base of high school volunteers, who have completed their volunteering hours: Conrad Flatman, Paige Collins, Cassidy Zilla, and Benton Brown.

Above: A cheer is raised for the blue team that scored well earned points.

Far left: A loose ball is run down by a program participant.

Photos by Darren Lum

Storm tykes out pace Woodville

KATHY McKELVEY-BROWN

Special to the Echo

On Sunday, January 30 the Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Woodville for 5:30pm puck drop.

Persistent digging paid off for Braydin Hollows when he put the Storm on the scoreboard with helpers going to Austin McKay and Owen Flood. Four minutes later Woodville scored the equalizer and at the end of the first it was a 1-1 tie.

The second period saw Devon Upton score a natural hat trick with Morgan Hamilton assisting on two of the goals and Jacob Bishop on the third. The Storm's fourth goal of the period was scored when Upton and Bishop made an awesome play to set up Hamilton, who made no mistake and buried the puck past the Woodville goalie. The home team also scored a pair

in the second but the Storm was still up by two.

Defense Hunter Bishop, Braden Roberts, Connor Gadway and forward Sydney Cameron also skated hard making some great plays. Once again Joel Fedeski did an amazing job in net.

Both teams netted one each in the third. The Storm's was a beauty scored by Upton unassisted and they were able to hold the lead to end the game 6-4 in their favour.

Playoff schedule

Novice A

Feb 12: 3 p.m. Oro Gm 4

Feb 19: 2 p.m. Gm 5 (if needed)

Feb 20: 1 p.m. Oro Gm 6 (if needed)

Atom AE

Feb 12: 4:10 p.m. Oro Gm 5 (if needed)

Feb 13: 130 p.m. Gm 6 (if needed)

Red Hawks curlers are Regional Champions!

TOM DIBBLEE

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Curling Team has just returned from the Gore Mutual Schoolboy Curling Championships as the regional champions.

They competed against eight other Zone winners at the High Park Curling Club on January 29 and 30 where they won all three games. They now advance to the provincial championships in Sutton on February 17, 18 and 19. They are now one of eight teams in Ontario vying for the provincial title. You can check out the web site for their progress

at the provincials:

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The team consists of Skip: J a k e "The Strategizer" Walker, Vice: Ed "Mr. Personality" Cyr, Second C o n n o r "Always Focused" Duhaime; and Lead Jeff "The Deliverer" Sobil.

The Gore Mutual Insurance Company has been co-hosting the Schoolboy Bonspiel with the Ontario Curling Association for more than 50 years. Haliburton last had Zone winners in 1980 with team members: Doug Cross, Sean Harrison, Paul Madden and Shane Blakey. The 1981 Zone Winners were

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Municipal Address Update

In response to calls from the public, County of Haliburton staff is continuing work on the installation of the balance of road name signs and municipal address blades. Weather and road conditions have delayed the complete installation of this signage. The County expects to have this work completed by late Spring 2005.

The County has also been aware that there may be a possible defect with some of the municipal address blades with the vinyl backing separating from the metal blade. If you notice your municipal address blade is defective or notice any other related sign problems, if not previously done so, please contact the County 9-1-1 Clerk, Cathy Howe, at 286-1333 or via email chowe@county.haliburton.on.ca; or email Roy Haig at rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca. The County of Haliburton thanks the public for their patience while we finish this important project.

Local curlers enter Tim Bits Bonspiel

WENDY VERMEERSCH
Special to the Echo

The Haliburton Curling Club is very pleased to be awarded for the second time the Tim Bits Curling Bonspiel for the young curlers of Ontario. Sanctioned by the Ontario Curling Association it will be held February 24, 25, 26 and 27. The curlers are elementary students from Grades 5 – 8. Fifty-five teams from across Ontario will be curling and Haliburton is fielding three teams. Along with the teams members will be coaches, parents, grandparents and siblings in attendance for approximately 700 visitors to our area for this event.

The main provincial sponsor is Tim Hortons and we are very pleased to have Haliburton IGA as our primary local sponsor. The event is being organized and run by a committee of 15 headed by Bob Nichol with a cast of 100 volunteers. Bruce Martin has done an excellent job in getting our local sponsors to monetarily assist with the bonspiel. Each curler will receive a sweatshirt with all the sponsors listed on it. Local hotels Delta Pinestone and Wigamog are also very involved with hosting the guests, along with the local bed and breakfast community.

Curling will take place in both the Haliburton and Wilberforce rinks. Each team will play at least four games. Many activities are planned for the young curlers, such as a pizza night, and a dance. For the older crowd a wine and cheese is planned and a pancake breakfast for all on Sunday morning at the Legion.

This event will have a major economic impact for our local business community and we know they will be welcomed for these four days in a grand Haliburton style. Often this is the first time they have been to our area and if they like what they experience now they will

return in the summer months for further visits. We know of several incidents when these visitors have returned to the area to buy cottages, time shares etc.

Curling results
On Saturday, January 22, two women's teams travelled to Bobcaygeon to curl in the Ann MacIntosh bonspiel. Bobbie Macklin, Sandra Anderson, Janet Bradley, and Gloria Foster placed third. The other team from Haliburton was Fern Timbers, Diane Tiggert, Chalene Smith and Ruth Hunt.

The Haliburton men's team of Ed Pickard, Ralph Young, Ray Hutchinson and Dick Duchemin won the fourth event at the Tarlton-Sleeman Bonspiel in Guelph on January 24 and 25. Congratulations guys.

On January 30 the second Champagne Brunch and Curling Bonspiel was held at the Haliburton Curling Club. This is a very popular event and the winners were the team skipped by Bruce Moffatt, Hilda Attridge, John Glachan and Marilyn Wagg. Second place went to Brian Murison's team.

Tuesday, February 2 the 22nd Annual Tom Stinson Invitational Bonspiel, sponsored by Easton's Valu-Mart, was held at the Haliburton Curling Club. Sixteen teams from as far south as Orillia and north to Huntsville competed for the coveted trophy. The winners from the first draw were: 1st - Ted Wilkes' team from Minden; 2nd - Robin Maughan of Peterborough; and 3rd - Terry Dodds of Huntsville. The second draw winners were: 1st place and overall winners, the team of Al Ingram of Bobcaygeon; John Smillie (skip), Bob McNaul (vice), Ted Rule (second) and Brian Murison (lead) of Haliburton, second; and Ross Gilbert's team of Huntsville, third.

Bonspiel organizer Brian Murison would like to thank



DARREN LUM/Echo

A sample of curlers (left to right, front to back) Alex McMaster, Joshua Wright, Jennell Bilodeau, Emily Roberts, Erin Stephen, Nygel Harris-Saxby, and Scott Henwood who are entered in the bonspiel.

his helpers Bruce Moffatt and Bryce Blair for a very successful event and a special thank you to Janet Tice for an excellent meal and her five helpers, Sharon Murison, Irene Houtby, Pat Norman, Beryl Rasmus and Luba Glachan (Janet's TCs) for helping out in the kitchen.

February 3rd the 4 Town Senior Men's Bonspiel took place at Minden. The Haliburton team of Ed Pickard, Ralph Young, Peter Byer and Dick Duchemin placed third. Congratulations!

Good Curling.

Red Hawks curlers advance with down to the wire heroics

from page 16

Doug Cross, Sean Harrison, Shane Blakey and Dave Bishop. Our current HHSS team was the zone winner last December and advanced to the regional finals. To the best of my knowledge, HHSS has never had a team advance from the regionals to the provincials. HHSS had their first game against Iroquois Ridge High School from Oakville. HHSS won that game 8 to 3 taking five ends.

The second game was a nail-biter against York Mills Collegiate Institute. The ends went back and forth with both teams making their shots. It was tied 5-5 coming home in the 8th end and York Mills had the hammer.

Jake played it "real cool" the whole end and made an awesome draw outscoring York Mills' counting rock. The York Mills skip had to take Jake out to win the game but you could hear a pin drop in the lobby as his rock was "just" wide letting HHSS steal the win in the eighth. Extreme happiness!

This win allowed the boys to sleep in the next day and play their game at 12:30 pm. That was bonus.

The third game was against Sir Oliver Mowat. The HHSS team seemed to be in control until they gave up four in the fifth making the score 4- 3 for Sir Oliver Mowat. Oops ! Jake continued to stick "with his plan" and the boys continued to deliver. This game was also

tied after seven ends 5-5 but this time Jake had the hammer. Opposing skip Tim March was sitting two and trying to guard but his rock came in too deep leaving room for Jake to draw with backing for a win.

Under extreme pressure, for the fans anyway, "Cool-Hand Jake" was up for the challenge and made an amazing shot. HHSS was victorious. Way to go Jake! Way to go team!

It was an awesome showing. The team's coach and family supporters are proud of their skill, attitude, character and achievements. Good luck at the Provincials.

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Take your sweetie to a dance

Have you purchased your tickets for the Valentine Dance on February 19th? If you haven't, do so soon as they are selling well and this promises to be a great night of dining and dancing. We have, thanks to the generosity of local businesses, been successful in obtaining some fabulous door and spot dance prizes.

Among the myriad prizes are dinner for two at Pinestone and at Wigamog and at The Algonquin Cook House and at The

Pepper Mill plus many other great prizes including Legion Sunday Brunches for four.

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Gerald Irish

It is now time to renew your membership at the Legion if you have not already done so. Our fabulous bar stewards will be happy to do this for you. Don't risk losing your club

room privileges. Pay your dues now.

There will be no Sunday Brunch until February 27. Sorry. But circumstances dic-

tate this for us. There will be a special pancakes and sausages breakfast on February 26 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. This is to assist the organizers of the Timbits Tournament but the public is also welcome. The price is only \$4 per person.

I forgot to tell you that our membership chairman Comrade Ray baker would appreciate getting as many members as possible to let him know your e-mail address. This will facilitate contact between you and the branch.

Did you know that in this month in

Canadian Military History that the following happened:

Feb. 1, 1968 – The Canadian Armed Forces came into being when the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Army were unified.

Feb. 6, 1951 – The first Canadian Infantry Battalion involved in the Korean War was the 2nd Battalion Canadian Light Infantry.

Feb. 8, 1945 – The start of the Battle of Rhineland.

Feb. 17, 1945 – The first Canadian armoured unit to enter Germany was the Fort Garry Horse.

Feb. 27, 1991 – The Gulf War ended. There were no Canadian casualties.

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Former Wilberforce News author will be missed

Winnifred Dora Schofield nee Seyour, departed this life on Saturday, January 29. Born in England on December 14, 1914 Winnie came with her family to Toronto, Canada. She apparently always thought of herself as a Toronto girl though she lived in Wilberforce for at least 50 years.

Being an adventurous young woman, several times she and girlfriends in the 1930s came to Wilberforce for cottage summer holidays. A favourite spot was the Sanderson family's Wilbermere Farm resort. She and her friends met the Schofield brothers Reg and Frank – and among other pursuits would dance the night away with them at Jack's Pavilion on Dark Lake. What long walks to and fro. Back in Toronto Winnie was a trained nursing assistant. She even once hitchhiked to Sault Ste. Marie to work in a hospital there.

Reg Schofield, after close to four years in a Japanese prison camp in WWII, came home. Often depressed Reg needed help. His mother Clara remembered Winnie, that nice tourist girl and did some match making. Eventually Winnie and Reg married in a lovely wedding at the home of Reg's sister Doris in Cambray (near Lindsay).

They were blessed first with daughter Barbara, then the twins Wendy and Constance. Winnie passed on to them so many of her good qualities – her spirit of adventure and creativity among them. She got them and herself involved in many aspects of community life. They were part of the figure skating scene. They were taught to be independent by having a paper route. Winnie was very involved in the setting up of the first library here – even staffing it.

The Schofield float in the Good Times Parade was always much anticipated, set a high standard and was always a

winner for many years. Winnie had a secret about that. Knowing they would likely win a prize for their entry, Winnie would always donate an equivalent amount of prize money for the best horses in the parade – but the Recreation Committee had to keep it a secret. Reg was not to hear of it.

Winnie enjoyed writing and was good at it.

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Hilda Clark

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As part of the Monmouth Centennial year 1981, a book entitled *Monmouth Township Collected Views of the Past*

was compiled. Winnie, of course, was a major composer and researcher for that much valued volume.

For many years she wrote for the *Echo*. Yes it was the Wilberforce News! She kept everyone well informed of local happenings. Occasionally some opinions would slip in. An item in 1990 chided the local township council for letting the historic Outpost building deteriorate. That likely helped influence its resurrection into the museum it is today. Winnie attended early W.H. Guild meetings and reported on them regularly.

Many of the documents in the Guild's collection about the Red Cross Outpost Operation are there thanks to Winnie. And to her father-in-law Frank, and husband Reg who guarded and saved them – when many would have thrown them out.

Winnie supported Reg in his various endeavours and interests including fund raising to establish a curling club in the village, his involvement as a much-honoured veteran at the Legion and with the fledgling Monmouth Volunteer Fire Department. She was a supportive daughter-in-law to Clara who also lived to a great age.

Winnie's interests were many, but none more than her love of animals. She was always physically active – from bicycling in her younger years to bowl-

ing until just a couple of years ago. She loved her flower garden.

It was obvious at her 90th birthday celebrations in December 2000 that Winnie was well loved, respected and appreciated.

Thanks to support from family, especially son-in-law Martin Miller, she was able to live at home until last summer (2004). A service celebrating her life was held at the Monk Funeral Home in Minden on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005. It was led by Rev. Tim Sharpe, with a fine eulogy by Connie Lyon. Wendy Leslie read a touching poem – a letter written by Winnie to her during Wendy's first summer away from home.

All Things Bright and Beautiful and *For the Fruit of All Creation*, two of the hymns sung, both spoke clearly of Winnie's love of and thankfulness for all of God's creation – and of her wise ways and upbeat nature.

Condolences are extended to Barb and Martin Miller, Wendy and Alex Leslie, Connie and Gary Lyon, the grand and great-grandchildren and all her family and friends.

From the funeral service program *A Thought From Winnifred*: Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savoured much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Heritage Week is fast approaching. It is celebrated the week of Flag Day Feb. 15. At the Outpost Historic House there will be some activities to celebrate our heritage. On Thurs., Feb. 17 beginning at 1:30 there will be a session entitled "Bring An Ancestor or Artifact." All welcome. Just bring along a photograph of an ancestor – or a group of ancestors. Or bring an object that tells a story of your family's history. Share your stories. On Thursday evening join the Pathfinders and Guides as they play some traditional games such as dominoes, crokinole, checkers etc. It's great to

get the generations together having fun with these "older" games.

On Friday, Feb. 18 an afternoon of Court Whist will begin at 1:30 p.m. If you play cards at all you'll really like this very old game. Refreshments at all of these activities!

There will be the Ladies Valentine Bonspiel at the Wilberforce Club on Fri. and Sat. Feb. 11 and 12.

A fine breakfast was enjoyed at the United Church on Sunday Feb. 6. It was followed by morning service at which the Gentlemen of Song were the featured choir.

Marion (Sanderson) Robinson passed away on Jan. 21, 2005 in Newport, Nova Scotia. Marion, a former resident of Wilberforce grew up here. She was in her 79th year and had been ill for only a short while. Sympathy is extended to Ken and Nadeen Sanderson and all of Marion's family both in Ontario and in Nova Scotia where Marion had lived for many years.

We wish Ruth (Sanderson) Saunders, also formerly of Wilberforce and Marion's sister, continued improvement after a bout with pneumonia. Ruth, now 89, lives in a seniors' residence in Peterborough.

The local Writers' Circle met last Thursday morning. A highlight was hearing a chapter of an historical novel that Elva Bates of Gooderham is writing. Some books were briefly discussed and some prose and poetry shared. The next meeting will be Thurs., March 3 at the Outpost Museum. If you have the inclination to write or are writing, you are welcome. This is by no means a closed group. though the meeting officially begins at 10 a.m. some will come earlier (about 9:15) to enjoy a quiet spot to write. And there's always coffee.

Belated Happy Birthday to Harold (91) and Evelyn (81) Lewis who celebrated their birthdays – both the same day – on Sunday, February 6 with their family.

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A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

A special moment on the Essonville Line

On Saturday afternoon, I found the warm sunshine and chickadees beckoning me outdoors. It did not take much for me to quickly put down the furniture polish and pick up a tattered little, beige coloured book and head outdoors to sit for awhile. The water and burn stains on the cover of the little book were a testimony of a house fire that it had survived long ago. I flipped open the first page and a

little Valentine card drifted to the deck floor.

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

As I reached for it I thought about a Valentine story my father, Elwin Oakes, likes to tell. The story took place more than one-half of a century ago right here in Haliburton and it happened on St.

Valentine's Day, February 14, 1950.

At the time of the story, my father was a young man working in at Little Percy

Lake. He and my mother lived in at Kingscote Lake, which is located in the most southern part of Algonquin Park approximately 20 km north of Harcourt.

In 1950 there was a logging camp along the shores of Little Percy Lake and the loggers had piles of logs stacked along the rough logging road to be taken to the Standard Chemical Mill on the shores of Benoir Lake at the site of today's Pine Grove Point. They did not have much snow that winter and it was one of first years the men hauled the logs out by truck as this was a job that was normally done by horse-drawn sleighs. Dad was running the bulldozer that winter, keeping the logging road open. On that February 14, Old Man Winter came out of his slumber and gave a sound display of his fierce, harsh disposition. Temperatures dropped as the winds howled ushering in snow. Dad's foreman, Bruce Gould, came to him and said if he was going to get to Haliburton village that day then he had better leave before the snow made the trip impossible.

Dad headed out at noon in his old 1938 Graham Page. He travelled out Kingscote Lake Road to Elephant Lake Road. Elephant Lake Road at time followed along the shores of Benoir and Elephant Lakes. He made it over the Mumford Road to Wilberforce as the highway we use today to get to Wilberforce was not in existence then. The trip was slow as the rapidly developing snowstorm turned to near blizzard conditions. On the Essonville Line he was challenged by Vinegar Hill but the old chains that covered his tires eventually gave him the leverage he needed to crest the top of the hill. The snow continued to accumulate and the twisting, turning roads became more treacherous by the minute.

He had triumphantly made over Vinegar Hill and he was determined he was not going back; however, he did not foresee what was in store for him ahead. At the next big hill he was not so lucky

and he found himself stuck in the ever-deepening snow. He got out of the sanctuary of his old sedan and the hellish storm buffeted him as he slowly trudged through the snow. Mumbling and grumbling he attacked the snow in front of the car wheels. Turbulent winds drove the snow off the ground and pulverized the snow crystals into fine needles. Snow swirled around, ice crystals stung his face like a swarm of fire ants, and as the snow packed in on his face, his glass frames froze on the bridge of his nose. He did not let himself think but kept shovelling. When he finally felt he had enough cleared, he quickly made his way back into his car. The wind buffeted the sides of the car and howled in protest at his escape.

He took a run up the hill and advanced forward a few more feet before getting stuck once again. He got out and, ducking his head against the force of the driving snow, he once again shovelled a path out before the car. He soon learned he was to repeat this shovelling, get stuck process many times over before reaching the top of the hill and not before the chains on the car broke. As he changed the chains, the ice splinters attacked him and the gusting winds shook him. The wild fury of the storm stirred an anger in him and gave him a renewed determination and strength.

With a freshly shovelled path and the new chains he finally made it to the top of the hill and on into Haliburton to the hospital. It was at 8:45 that night his wife Doreen, with the assistance of Dr. Warren and Nurse Miss Walker, presented him with a 7 lb 10 oz Valentine. According to the baby's record book in my hands, that baby girl was Valerie Elizabeth Rose Oakes.

Valentine's Day is a special day of the year when you do something out of the ordinary for your loved ones. May everyone enjoy the kind of loving family I was born into on that day, Feb. 14, 1950. Happy St. Valentine's Day to all.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

DETAIL DESIGN STUDY HIGHWAY 118 IMPROVEMENTS MINK CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT COUNTY OF HALIBURTON, MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST (W.P. 4334-04-00)

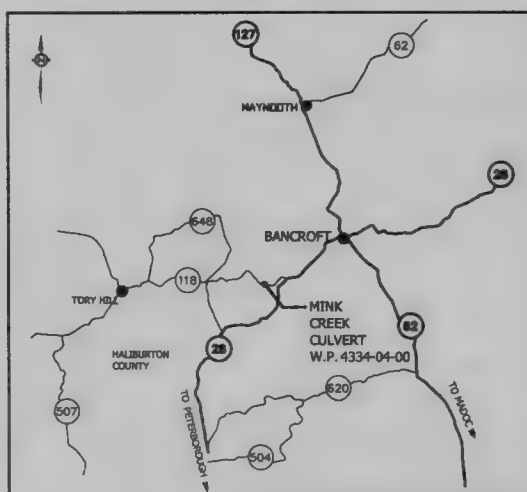
The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) is interested in hearing any comments regarding this Highway 118, Mink Creek Culvert replacement project. The culvert is located 140 m west of County Road 9 (Inlet Bay Rd.). Your comments will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and solely for the purposes of conducting the environmental assessment.

A Public Information Centre is scheduled for:

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2005
Location: Cardiff Elementary School, Hemlock Road, Cardiff, Ontario

The Ministry of Transportation staff will be present to explain the study, answer any questions and receive your comments. Following the meeting further comments are invited for consideration into the preparation of the technically preferred design of this project.

KEY MAP



MTO has considered the following two options for staging traffic during the removal and replacement of the Mink Creek Culvert:

- 1) Conventional staging within the Ministry's right-of-way by:
 - Keeping Highway 118 open,
 - Utilizing a single lane open to traffic, and
 - Traffic signals to control traffic.
- 2) Detouring traffic onto adjacent municipal roadways by:
 - Closing Highway 118 at the culvert site for 2-3 weeks,
 - Using Dickinson Rd. and Inlet Bay Rd. (County Road 9) to detour traffic,
 - Posting the speed to 40 km/h, and
 - Utilizing speed mitigation measures.

Option 2 is the preferred detouring route.

The study will follow the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (MTO 2000). As part of this process, a Public Information Centre (PIC) is scheduled to increase public awareness and understanding and to provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed design alternatives. At the completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and released for review and comment. Another notice will be published at that time.

The Project Team is interested in hearing comments from individuals, groups, and the general public. Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record.

For further information, or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Best wishes to good friends

Best wishes for return of good health to a couple of people: to Pam Roberts who has undergone surgery on her foot in an Ottawa hospital and to Merrie Barry recovering from pneumonia after a time in Haliburton Hospital.

Our deepest sympathy to Sylvia Claridge on the death of her brother, Lloyd Guest. A reception supper was held at St. George's Anglican Church on Saturday, Jan. 29 following the funeral at Monk's Funeral Home.

Best wishes to Helen Barry who celebrated her 84th birthday with Ken and Anka Barry in their home.

Lottie Ruttan reports that she hosted a party of 14 for Grenville Griffin at her home on the occasion of his birthday.

Burns Night, celebrated this year on Jan. 29th at the Legion (instead of on the poet's actual date, the 25th) was announced both loud and clear by a town crier. Mark Molnar, official town crier for St. Catharines, a friend of our

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family, appeared resplendent in his official uniform and rang the bell three times with his "O, yea, O yea!" to begin the event and MC'd the whole evening. Mark and his friend, Margot Hughs led the grand March. Gay Gordons were danced, Mike Turner and Kathleen Owens demonstrated several round dances including the Canadian Barn Dance. Prizes were drawn, two of which were won by Ann McIvor and her granddaughter, Indigo.

Highlanders delighted us all with their graceful turns, their stepping and lovely dress. The Haliburton Pipes and Drums

under Lew Brown also won rounds of applause. Great enjoyment was had as usual over the address to the haggis by Bill Elliott whose wife Helen, who has made the haggis for the occasion for some years following Mary Packard in this tradition.

Bill Elliott also gave the Immortal Memory in tribute to Burns. Earl and Alan Cooper with Kathleen at piano provided fiddle music.

The evening concluded with the Selkirk grace before the generous meal provided by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Haliburton Legion.

Songs were sung to Gord Kennedy's excellent piano accompaniment with Alan leading the singing. All in all a memorable event.

A birthday party for Selina (Scott) Adams was held on Jan. 29 in the afternoon with family and a few friends at the Mill Pond. Best wishes, Selina from your Guilford community.

CD launch concert features Frost songs by David Archibald

Tickets are going well for St. Nora's Tower: An Evening with David Archibald and Friends.

The February 19 concert at the Northern Lights Pavillion in Haliburton village is also a CD launch party for Archibald's new CD, which features a collection of songs written about the life, lore and legends of the Leslie M. Frost Centre.

Also performing that evening will be Kate Campbell, who was the star of last summer's *The Sound of Music*.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Haliburton County Echo, the Minden Times and the Trails & Tours office in Carnarvon.

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Warm Goat Cheese Salad

4 thick slices of goat cheese
1-2 tbsp olive oil

2 garlic cloves, sliced
2 sprigs of fresh rosemary destalked
Large bunch of arugula

Salsa

One large onion, finely chopped
2 tbsp olive oil
2 red chiles, deseeded and finely chopped
large orange or yellow pepper, deseeded and thinly sliced
14oz can of chopped tomatoes
small bunch of cilantro roughly chopped
one or two lime leaves, or 1-2 tsp lime juice

Marinate the cheese slices in a little olive oil with garlic and rosemary for a few hours or overnight.

To make salsa, sauté the onion in the olive oil until translucent. Add the chiles and stir for a few minutes. Add peppers and cook for a few minutes until soft, then add the tomatoes. Simmer over a very low heat for about 30 minutes, then add cilantro followed by lime. Cook for another 5 minutes.

Make a bed of arugula leaves, place a slice of cheese on top, drizzle on any remaining marinade and then trickle the salsa over the cheese. Once assembled serve at once.

Homemade Chocolate Terrine

9 oz dark chocolate at least 70% cocoa solids
1/3 cup pistachio nuts
1/3 cup pecans
1/3 cup Brazil nuts
1/3 cup hazelnuts
1/2 cup candied apricots
1/2 cup candied orange segments
6 and half oz can condensed milk
1 tablespoon Grand Marnier

Roughly chop up the nuts and thinly slice the fruit. Melt the chocolate in the microwave or a double boiler

very slowly (thinking of your loved one). Add all the other ingredients, with the alcohol last, and combine carefully. Put the chocolate mixture into a foil-lined loaf pan, smoothing the top to give a flat surface. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least six hours. The flavour improves over a couple of days. Serve cut into thin slices or hand feed ...

Chocolate Fondue

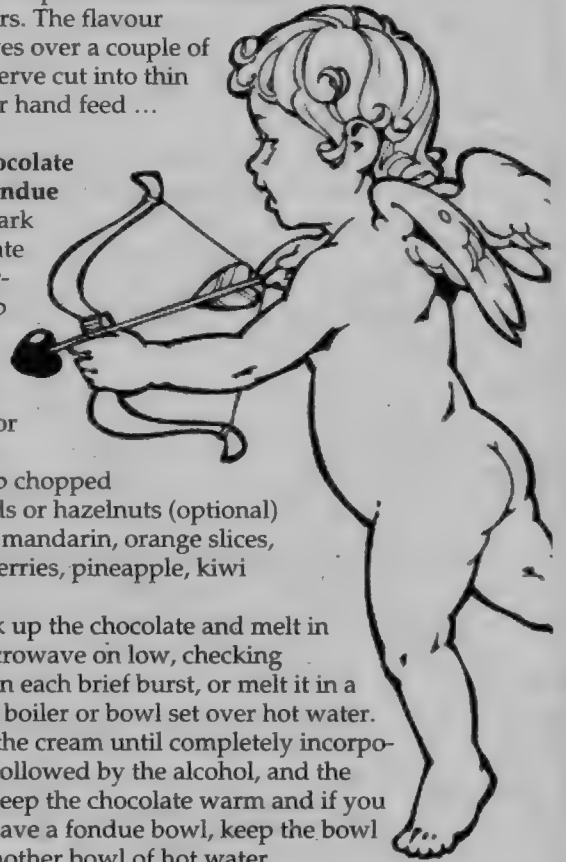
8 ozs dark chocolate
1 generous cup heavy cream
1 tbsp kirsch or brandy
1/3 cup chopped almonds or hazelnuts (optional)
chilled mandarin, orange slices, strawberries, pineapple, kiwi

Break up the chocolate and melt in the microwave on low, checking between each brief burst, or melt it in a double boiler or bowl set over hot water. Stir in the cream until completely incorporated, followed by the alcohol, and the nuts. Keep the chocolate warm and if you don't have a fondue bowl, keep the bowl over another bowl of hot water.

On skewers dip the cold fruit into the chocolate. Decadent. (Recipes from *Witch in the Kitchen*, Whitecap Printers.)

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- **DATE:** Monday March 7th, 2005.
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office, Haliburton Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Spruce Tree Resorts Inc. (Champlain Shores):
 - Purpose and Effect:
 - to permit the temporary use of land for a real estate sales office, restricted to the sale of residential units on the subject lands.
 - to require a side building setback of 75 metres for a real estate office.
 - to require a rear building setback of 35 metres for a real estate office.
 - to require a water building setback of 25 metres for a real estate office.
 - Location: Part Lots 2 and 3, Concession 5, Dysart Township (Kashagawigamog Lake, Wigamog Road).
2. Lands of Boice and Miller's Lake Cottagers' Association:
 - Purpose and Effect:
 - zone change from "RU" and "H" to "SR1-14", "SR1-15", "OS-16" and "H"
 - to permit the creation of two seasonal residential lots.
 - to establish minimum frontage and area provisions for each proposed lot.
 - to require a water setback of 30 metres for all buildings, structures and septic systems.
 - to permit construction of a bridge.
 - Location: Part Lots 29 and 30, Concession 8, Guilford Township (Redstone Lake, Preacher's Lane).
 - This property is also the subject of Applications for Consent H-79/2004, H-80/2004 and H-81/2004.
3. Lands of Patterson:
 - Purpose and Effect:
 - zone change from "RU" and "H" to "RU-11" and "H"
 - to permit the creation of one seasonal residential lot.
 - to require a water setback of 30 metres for all buildings, structures and septic systems.
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 5, Guilford Township (Cranberry Lake Road).
 - This property is also the subject of Application for Consent H-139/2004.
 - This property is also the subject of Minor Variance Application D13-MV-05-001.

- **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

- **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-law and is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 8th day of February, 2005.

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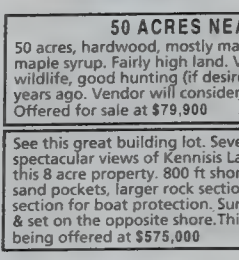


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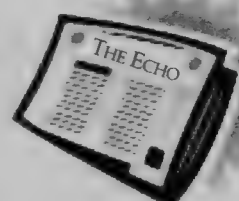


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DATED at Minden, Ontario this 21st day of January, 2005 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0. Solicitor for the Estate of Harry Ronald Brohm.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF GLEN ALBERT MCCOLL, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of GLEN ALBERT MCCOLL, late of the township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 27th day of November, 2004, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, 2005, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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HARTIN, WILLIAM (Bill) – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who was taken from us on February 12, 2004. You touched so many people in your special kind of way. Family, friends and others Each and every day. Sadly missed along life's way Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, But in our hearts, you will always be there. Lovingly remembered by **wife Donna, children, Gayle and George, Penny, Laurie, Christine and Jeff and Tony, Grandchildren Jessica, Andrew, Amanda and Casey.**

LITTLE, LEONARD – In loving memory of a dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle, who passed away February 14, 1996. Those we love we never lose for always they will be loved, remembered, treasured, always in our memory. **The family.**

McNEIL, MERREIT SR. – In loving memory of a dear father Merreit Sr. who passed away Feb. 13, 1998. It's strange that those we need And those we love the best Are just the one God called away And took you home to rest. But every time I think of you Dad I seem to hear God Say. Have faith and trust in my promise We'll meet again someday. Missed and loved always **Ken and Reta.**

McNEIL, MERREIT SR. – In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away Feb. 13, 1998. I often think of bygone days When we were together. The family chain is broken now. But memories will live forever. To me they have not gone away Nor have they travelled far. Just entered God's eternal home. And left the gate ajar. Always loved and never forgotten Your **wife Mary McNeil.**

McNEIL, MERREIT SR. – In loving memory of a dear dad who was called to glory Feb. 13, 1998. It was seven years today, When you were called away To heaven's resting place above Into the loving arms of Jesus, Who he loved. Always missed and remembered by your **daughter Wanda-Lee.**

TEATRO, VINCENT "Duke" – In loving memory of dad who passed away Feb. 9, 1978. We who love you Sadly miss you as it dawns another year. In our lonely hours of thinking thoughts of you, are ever near. Gone, but not forgotten. Lovingly remembered by **Jack and Sue.**

460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST
DENIS ROY ARBOUR
April 7, 1982 - February 4, 2005**

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Denis. Loving son of Cathy and Dan Arbour, dear brother of Daryl. He will be greatly missed by his grandmother and best friend Beverly Gilmour. Denis also leaves behind his grandparents Mae and Bernard Arbour, Gary and Beula Lanigan and great grandmother Violet Nelson "Nana". He will be sadly missed by his aunts and uncles Kelly and Peter Harpley, Jim and Janis Lanigan, Robin and Ed Pankhurst, John and Diane Arbour and by all his cousins and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 on Monday evening from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Camarvon. Memorial donations to the Toronto Western Hospital Hand Clinic (Dr. Linda Dvali) or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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**AT REST
HELEN S. SMITH
Passed away peacefully at the
Hyland Crest Senior Citizens
Home on Monday, January 31,
2005**

at the age of 84.
Beloved wife of Kenneth M. Smith Jr., dear mother of Kenneth M. Smith III and Timothy H. Smith both of San Francisco. Loving grandmother of Laiea, Noelle and Lara. A Private Family Service was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Thursday, February 3, 2005. Memorial donations to the Canadian Red Cross Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST
OLIVE IRENE (nee Ferguson)
GRIFFIN**

**Passed away at the Sunnybrook
Hospital, Toronto on February 2,
2005**

in her 86th year.

Cherished mother of Robert and Wanda of Oshawa, Bradley of Calgary, William and Donna of Calgary and Brian of Little Britain. Loving grandmother of Andrew, Matthew, Sarah, Sabrina, and Tammy. Special great grandmother of Justin, Brendan and Tristan. Predeceased by her sisters Elma Sufferin, Wilma Sisson and Ethel Kemohan and brother Holly Ferguson. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 - 4 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Monday, February 7, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment at the Zion United Church Cemetery, Camarvon. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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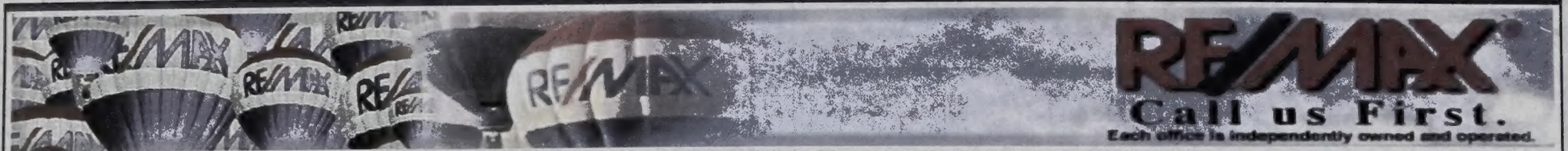
- **Now until Feb. 14:** Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary are having a Book Sale at the Bank of Montreal.
- **Feb. 8:** St. George's ACW Pancake Supper will be held at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 8th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call 457-2074 for cost and details.
- **Feb. 9:** Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild meets at 1 p.m. at Camp Adelaide. Stash for Cash garage sale. New Members welcome.
- **Feb. 9:** The meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group - held upstairs at the Minden Legion starts at 7 p.m. - Speaker Lynn Hancock of the Women's Institute will be talking about the "Tweedsmuir Books". These valuable local history books were prepared by WI branches across Ontario starting in the 1920s. No charge. For more info. call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Feb. 9:** Ash Wednesday Worship - 10 a.m. St. James Church, Kinmount; 2 p.m. St. Peter's Church, Kinmount; and 7 p.m. St. Paul's Church, Minden.
- **Feb. 9:** Stress & Health - The Lounge Café, Camarvon on Wed., Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Prolonged, unmanaged stress plays a significant role in many diseases. The heart and blood vessels, digestive, hormonal and immune systems are particularly susceptible. Local Naturopath, Gord Smith will discuss ways and methods to help identify and resolve various types of physical and emotional stressors. Admission Free.
- **Feb. 10:** The Canadian Federation of University Women - Haliburton Highlands monthly meeting welcomes "Kate" Hall, the coordinator of U-Links as this month's guest speaker. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Rm. 10 at Sir Sandford Fleming Campus. New members are welcome.
- **Feb. 11:** Youth Drop-In and Dinner - Are you looking for somewhere to hang out after school and before the movie starts? Then we have an answer for you!! Starting Feb. 11 there will be a drop-in centre for all youth in grades 7 and 8. Basement of St. George's Anglican Church on Friday nights from 4 - 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 11:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at Martin Wood in Harcourt. Begins at 12 noon. Please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.
- **Feb. 11:** Valentine's Day Rotary Auction on Friday, Feb. 11 at the Wigamog Inn. Ticket price includes dinner, dessert buffet, auction and entertainer Joe Fischer. Cash bar at 6, dinner at 7. Call Robert at 457-5234 for tickets or to donate an auction item. Tickets also available at Henwoods Variety and Varty's Jewellery.
- **Feb. 12:** Lugeing at Redstone River Luge Club - The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance, 489-4049.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Women's Basketball** is starting again on Feb. 7th. We will be playing every Monday from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more info. call 457-2506.
- **Haliburton Seniors Club** meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and in Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children ages 0-6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 286-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
- **If you are a senior (55+)** or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Home Support offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Friday at 1 p.m. If you would like more information on activities available through Home Support, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets on Mondays at the Home Support Office (Halco Mall). Weigh in 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a meeting until 11 a.m. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464 or Judy Carpenter 489-3027.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



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HALIBURTON LAKE

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\$289,900



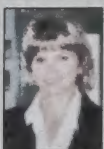
GULL LAKE

2 bedroom cottage/home, pine interior, large kitchen, bright living room, 4 pc bath, large deck, screened porch, bunkie, dr well, septic, 105' clean rock & sand shoreline. Excellent value.

\$279,000



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MOUNTAIN LAKE

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WALKER'S LINE

Spacious, custom built three bedroom raised bungalow w/a full walkout basement. Large master bedroom w/ensuite. Open concept design w/wrap around deck. Superb privacy on a 5 acre lot w/boat launch & access to Kushog Lake close by. Call Bill Kulas at 286-2911 ext. #44 for an appt. to view.

\$199,000



Ken Barry** &
Deb Deremo*
457-1011

HALIBURTON LAKE

3 bdrm cottage, private setting, well treed & nicely terraced lot, clean shoreline. Property abuts lakefront parkland area, with sunset view. New kitchen, most furnishings stay.

\$229,900



HALIBURTON LAKE

103 foot waterfront lot, moderate slope with terraced area at lake, clean rock shoreline, sunset exposure.

\$169,900



Cathy Lancia**
754-4242

REDSTONE LAKE

Fabulous new Eco-Log Building with spacious layout. W/o basement. Million dollar view on Redstone Lake. Exceptional stairway to mixed waterfront. The building is unfinished. Stone fireplace, furnace, water, septic & some interior trim. How you will complete this rustic treasure? Priced to sell.

\$589,700



SPORTSMAN'S DELIGHT!

Winter water, garage, workshop & forced air heat. Great room & country kitchen, the upper level is a large loft. Hardwood floors, stone highlighted wood burning areas & cedar trim create a warm ambience. The games room is spacious with wet bar. The million dollar view is northwest for fabulous sunsets.

\$339,700

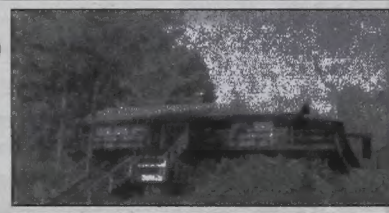


Geoff Bunn* &
Miranda Newman*
457-1011

BONHAM LAKE

Extremely private 1.76 acres with over 1600 feet frontage with a beautiful sand beach. The cottage is full of old country charm. Many possibilities. For more information, call Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman.

\$699,900



Rick Lowes*
286-2911

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\$235,000



Victor Disk*
286-2911

ONE MILE OF BACKYARD

This one of a kind property boasts over 400 acres of land backing onto 2000 acres of Crown Land. A three bedroom home with over 1300 sq. ft. of living space on one floor. Granite fireplace for cozy winter nights and air conditioned for sultry summer weather. Ski-doo and ATV trails on the property. Bonus two 2 car garages, one heated for the toys. Only 2 hours to Toronto. Ask for Victor Disk.

Asking \$449,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011

EXCELLENT & AFFORDABLE

Building lots very close and within walking distance of a gorgeous public park between 2 lakes - Big and Little Glamor. Almost waterfront.

\$14,900

MISKWABI BACK LOT

1 acre lot, level in nature, year-round access and part ownership in a waterfront lot on Miskwabi Lake steps away. All the same benefits as being on the lake for 1/2 the price.

\$22,900

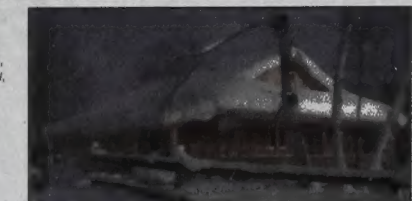


Tom** & Gail*
Tempest*
286-2911

PRIVACY PLUS

This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space with a full unfinished walkout basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore and beautiful surroundings. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood-ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details today.

\$295,000



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011

LAKE VIEW COUNTRY HOME

Spacious! Spotless! Secluded! 4 bdrm brick & cedar Viceroy-2500 sq ft in area of fine homes. Ideal for entertaining. Watch the sunsets over the lake from sunken fam rm & solarium kit. Formal LR/DR, fr doors, cath cells, cent air, cent vac. new roof in 2004. Close to Haliburton Village...Call Elizabeth.

\$299,900

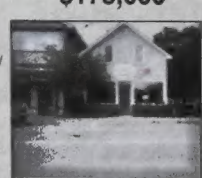


Lenor Fulton*
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286-2911

MAIN STREET MINDEN

Are you looking to start a business in Minden? This Main St. location has many possibilities. It boasts a 3 bedroom apartment upstairs with a separate entrance. This cute as a button store is zoned C-1. Look no further and call Tracy or Lenor.

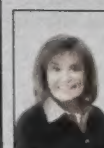
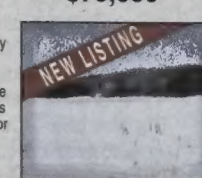
\$173,000



WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Enjoy the sunsets over your own lake. This property features approx. 1500' of shoreline & the land is lightly treed. Situated close to the Town of Minden, this spot is the perfect place for your private retreat. Call Tracy Ackerblade or Lenor Fulton.

\$79,000

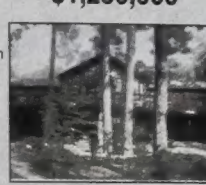


Julie Gray*
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REDSTONE LAKE

250' of sand beach, LR w/20' vaulted ceiling, redwood beams, pink granite FP on both levels. Oak gourmet Jenn Air kitch. Mstr. BR w/ensuite & dbl size spa. W/o to 90' cedar deck w/southern view. 6 BR, 2-4 pc & 2-3pc baths. 48'x25' FR w/walkout to beach. 400 amp serv & geothermal heat, attach. dbl garage, boat launch & lge cedar dock.

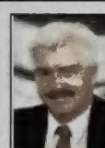
\$1,250,000



REDSTONE LAKE

This unique property set back in total privacy on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres, year round 24/7 sounds of waterfall. This architecturally designed home has nearly 4000 sq ft of luxurious living space, incl an amazing kitchen, 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degrees wrap around covered deck+++ many extras.

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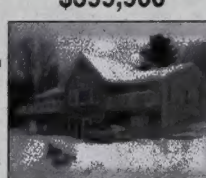


Ted Vasey*
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HALIBURTON EMMERSON COURT

Outstanding executive home with features that include spacious oak kitchen, living rm with cathedral ceilings, sun porch off dining rm, FP in family rm, MBR ensuite, 4 bedrooms, oak floors, attached garage, beautiful view over Head Lake, access & dock at lake, a must see!

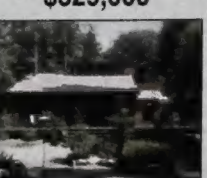
\$399,900



3 LAKE CHAIN

Miles of boating on Redstone Lake. Spotless custom-built cedar home/cottage, open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

\$329,000



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911

MINDEN LAKE

Five bedroom cottage plus a bunkie on a sloping lot with sand shoreline, SE exposure, minutes from Minden & a quick paddle up the lake to the rapids. Call Melanie for a personal tour.

\$219,000



Linda Beachli**
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PINE STREET

2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 story fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.

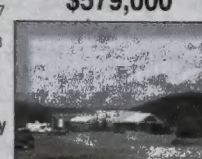
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HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.

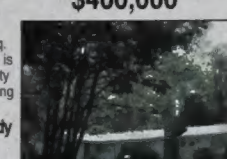
\$579,000



COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.

\$400,000



COMMERCIAL

Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28'x40' garage. Zoned CH.

\$359,000



Peter Brady**
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